## Mulroney gets a boost

TORONTO (R) - Canada's ruling Conservative Party entered the final sprint of a tight electoral race buoyed by two opinion polls indicating it would win a slim majority in Monday's contest. A Gallup poll released Saturday showed Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives with the backing of 40 per cent of decided voters against 35 per cent for the Liberals led by John Tumer. The New Democratic Party trailed with 22 per eent in the survey conducted Nov. 14-17 among 2,097 respondents in the poll, which had a margin of error of three percentage points. Twelve per cent of Canadians remained undecided. "I think that Canadians, French-speaking and English-speaking, are resolved in growing numbers to provide themselves and their families with the security and the prosperity that a majority progressive conservative government will deliver to Canada." Mulroney told an exuberant rally in Montreal Friday.

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

## Klibi to discuss Lebanon in Libya

BEIRUT (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived in Libya Saturday for talks with Libyan officials on ways to solve Lebanon's acute political crisis, the official Libyan news agency (JANA) said. "I am quite sure that Al Jamahiriya (Libya) will do its utmost to ensure the success of an Arab initiative to rescue the success of an Arab initiative to rescue the success." Lebanon," JANA quoted Klibi as saying. Klibi has visited Syria, and Gulf countries where he discussed the United Arab Emirates' call for an emergency Arab summit on Lebanon.

## Kuwait sets hearing for carbomb suspects

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait's state security court has scheduled a hearing tha fee next month for three Kuwaitis accused of beloing in a carbomb explosion that killed their two brothers, a court official said Saturday. The official told reporters the three, Abdul Amir Saleh Mousa Al Attar, his brother Maher and sister Laila would appear in court Dec. 10 in a session initially to be open but later to be closed. The three will be charged with possession of explosives and failure to inform. anthorities of their brothers' involvement in a July 1987 explosion in central Kuwait. An Interior Ministry statement at the time of the blast said Mousa Saleh Mousa Al Attar and his brother Mahdi were killed Mild in their car while trying to plant an explosive charge. The bomb wrecked storefronts and parked cars near a shopping complex, but no one else was reported hart. Local newspapers said the two had planned to set off the device at the city's Air France office, but it went off prematurely while they were setting the timer.

### Bavarian elects Strauss successor

MUNICH (R) - The Christian Social Union (CSU), the right-wing Bavarian party in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition, elected Theo Waigel party leader Saturday to succeed the late Franz Josef Strauss. Waigel, 49, the only candidate for the chairmanship, won 1,003 of 1,020 votes at a CSU convention, the 43-year-old party's first ever without Stranss, a giant of post-war German public life who was on familiar terms with many foreign leaders. Stranss helped found the CSU and was party chairman from 1961 until his death six week ago at age 73. He was also Bavaria's premier in the last decade of his life.

## Vassiliou confident of goodwill in talks

NICOSIA (AP) - President George Vassiliou said Saturday that his upcoming talks in New York with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash and the U.N. secretary-general on reuniting Cyprus would be characterised by goodwill and good faith. Vassition is scheduled to leave Sunday for New York. Vassition and Denktash are to meet with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Nov. 22 to review progress in their first round of talks on ending the division of Cyprus into separate Greek and Turkish sides. The meeting in New York is also supposed to lay the groundwork for a second round of talks. The talks begun in September have "given bope for a solution of the problems of our country created by foreign intervention, occupation and the dia. II deprivation of fundamental rights of our people," Vassilion was the remarks in a meeting with the new Czechoslovak ambassador. ushand Emil Keblusek.

## Armenians press Karabakh demand

MOSCOW (R) - Armenians demanding the transfer of a disputed territory from Azerbaijan gathered in the centre of their capital Yerevan Saturday ahead of a session of parliament expected to discuss the issue, a local journalist said. The journalist from the Armenian news agency Armenpress told Reuters the demonstrators converged hator on the city's Opera Square for the second day running to back their appeal for control of Nagorno-Karabakh. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said public transport, factories and institutes in Yerevan were paralysed by strikes on Friday but the journalist said work had resumed Saturday. The republic's parliament is due to meet

# Syria, Austria discuss military ties

NICOSIA (AP) - Syria's defence minister, Lieutenant-General Mustapha Tlas, conferred Saturday with Austrian General Hans Phillip, commander of the Austrian army, on promoting relations between the two forces, a Syrian army source said. The meeting was also attended by Austrian Major-General Adolf Radauer, commander of the United Nations peacekeeping troops in the Golan Heights, and the chief Syrian liaison officer, Maj.-Gen. Adnan Tayyarah, said the source. Phillip also conferred with Foreign Minister Faronk Al Sharaa on current development in the Middle East and both Austrian generals were received by Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam. Austria President Kurt Waldheim made an official visit to Syria in

# Geneva blast remains a mystery

GENEVA (AP) - Four people remained in hospital Saturday with leg injuries and burns as investigators sifted sparse clues the day after a bomb exploded on a busy sidewalk in central Geneva. Five passers-by were injured in the explosion at the start of Friday evening rush bour, which shattered the front window of the office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot, located on the ground floor of a building also bousing two Arab banks. The bomb was hidden in a sidewalk wastebasket. The police's only immediate suspect was an unidentified mustachioed man in his 20s whom a witness saw near the wastebasket before the hlast, spokesman Marcel Vaudroz said. He said the attack's target remained

## Army patrols southern Philippines town

MANILA (AP) - Armoured troop carriers patrolled a town in the southern Philippines Saturday to maintain peace three days after 200 members of a clan attacked a military camp to avenge the killing of two of their relatives, a news report said. The government-run Philippines News Agency (PNA) said officials were hopeful that peace could be maintained in Jolo after Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos assured leaders of the Tulawie clan that an impartial investigation would be conducted into the killings. Initial news reports said that late last Wednesday, soldiers fatally shot two members of the cian when they resisted arrest on unspecified charges. Eight hours later, about 200 members of the clan attacked a military camp in Jolo, the provincial capital, 960 kilometres south of Manila. One soldier was killed and 15 other people, including six soldiers and nine civilians, were wounded in the shooting, PNA said.

## Violent anti-Chun protests in Seoul

SEOUL (AP) — Thousands of protesters calling for the arrest and execution of former President Chun Doo-Hwan battled police Saturday with firebombs and rocks as they marched through Seoul. Riot police fired tear-gas and blocked streets to stop the students, workers and dissidents from marching on city hall to demand the punishment of the former president for alleged corruption and human rights abuses, "Execute Chun Doo-Hwan, Overthrow (President) Roh Tae-Woo," columns of marchers shouted as they paraded through the city centre after nightfall. "Return stolen wealth to the people. they yelled. Police armoured vans fired volleys of tear-gas into the ranks of the marchers to stop them from advancing on city hali.

# Japanese firm briefed on investment chances in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Japanese multinational trading company, C.ITOH and Company, had a meeting bere Saturday with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to discuss prospects of investments in Jordan.

The delegation members lis-tened to a briefing by Prince Hassan on Jordan's plans and ideas which aim to transform Jordan into an industrial state in the coming decade.

Prince Hassan said that Jordan enjoys a unique regional location and can serve as a bridge between South East Asia and Western Asia in the field of industry and services. The meeting was attended

by the ministers of finance, planning, industry and trade, and the minister of state for cabinet affairs as well as Central Bank/Governor Hussein Al Qasem and Japan's Ambassador to Jordan Makoto Wata-

The Japanese delegation members were also received by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai

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raided or clamped curfews on

nine Palestinian villages and re-

fugee camps in the occupied terri-

tories to search for resistance

activists and 13 Palestinian suf-

fered gunshot wounds during en-

suing clashes, news reports said.

transportation were paralysed by

a general strike staged to mark

the death anniversary of a founder

of the Palestinian resistance

The strike in honour of Sbeikh

Ezzedine Al Kassem, who was

fatally shot in 1935 by British

rulers in Haifa, was called by

underground leaders of the upris-

ing. It was also endorsed by the

Muslim fundamentalist Hamas

movement.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday briefs a visiting Japanese commercial delegation on investment opportunities in Jordan (Petra photo)

reported in outlying neighbour-hoods of Gaza City, refugee rolling in jeeps ordered residents camps and near the West Bank's to take down Palestinian flags

who explained the incentives provided to investors under Jordanian laws and said that the Kingdom provides the suitable infrastructure and the skilled manpower qualified to join in any investment enter-

The prime minister also referred to the industrial cities

Israeli troops raid W. Bank

largest city of Nablus.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM confrontations with troops were

The violence erupted as arrests, news reports said. The

Palestinian husinesses and public number of detentions was not

village, wound 13 amid strike

Palestinians attacked soldiers

with rocks in four villages near

Nahlus where the troops came in

jeep to conduct searches and

reported.
The soldiers responded by

opening fire, wounding nine Palestinians, said hospital offi-

Among the wounded was a

65-year-old woman from Karawa

Beni Hassan village who was hit

in the chest, and a 20-year-old

man from Beit Furik who was

wounded setiously in the chest,

the officials said.

and the free zones in the Kingdom which also offer a good opportunity for investment.

He said that Jordan offers a wide range of opportunities for investments in agriculture, industry, services, transport maintenance, engineering industries, health and tourism (Continued on page 2)

to take down Palestinian flags and wipe nationalist slogans off

Soldiers also fired live ammuni-

tion and tear-gas to disperse

nationalist demonstrators in Nab-

lus. There were no reported in-

In Gaza, troops shot and

wounded four Palestinians during

clashes in the Al Bureij refugee

camp and Gaza City, an official at

A witness said troops ordered

residents in the city's Sabra quar-

ter to erase wall graffiti support-

ing the general strike, threatening

a 15,000 shekel (\$10,000) fine to

any homeowner who refused.

Ahli hospital said.

walls, news reports said.

Meeting opens on Irbid, Mafraq development

# **Crown Prince urges** all sectors to take part in economic effort

IRBID (Petra) — The new phase national interest and realising in Jordan's economy makes it the Kingdom's economic plans, incumbent upon all citizens to His Royal Highness Crown concentrate on priorities, adapt Prince Hassan said here to the new realities and direct Saturday. their efforts towards serving the

"It is time for all sectors to The northern, central and involve themselves in activities southern regions will jointly take designed to bolster the national economy through well-defined and sound plans," the Prince said in an address to a seminar discussing achievements of development councils in the Irhid and Mafraq governorates.

Prince Hassan urged all sectors to adopt the concepts of selfreliance and decentralisation in their endeavours and noted that the seminar was intended as an attempt to involve all parties in

Pakistanis

provincial

assemblies

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) -

Populist leader Benazir Bbnt-

to, pushing to become prime

minister after her party cap-

tured a plurality in National

Assembly elections, sought

further validation of ber popu-

larity Saturday in provincial

Pakistanis voted for 483

seats in the assemblies of Pun-

jab, Sind, Baluchistan and

North West Frontier pro-

vinces, three days after giving

Bbutto's Pakistan People's

Party (PPP) solid victory in

In Pakistan, the National

Assembly, the four provincial

assemblies and the senate elect

the president, who is head of

Bbutto's PPP won 92 seats in

Wednesday's voting for the National Assembly. On Friday,

she claimed she bad been

assured enough support from other elected candidates to

command a majority in the

237-member National

She has refused to name the

candidates who she says have

come over to her side, and bas

not said bow many seats she

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vote to elect

part in an enlarged seminar which will chart the national economic and social development policies for the coming years. Prince Hassan noted. He emphasised that the planning process was continuing and could go heyond the coming years. "It could reach the

the two regions.

of that particular region," Prince Hassan added. He called for the transformation of development councils into executive councils contributing to the development of various sectors. The development councils said. should also be entrusted with follow-up tasks, especially in production projects, the Prince said.

point when the central govern-

ment would discuss with local

government in each province

issues pertaining to the economy

Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan addressed the meeting at the outset of the session underlining the importance of democratic dialogue between officials and members of the public on all

noted, is a stock-taking and an assessment of the development plans in the Kingdom similar to

those held earlier to assess the

work of development councils in

the central and southern regions. Kanaan reviewed the situation in the foreign exchange markets which led to an adjustment in the Jordanian dinar's value and said that despite the developments Jordan's agricultural and industrial products had received a great boost since they are now in a better competitive position on foreign markets.

Curbs imposed on imports have led to investors to look towards new projects to produce consumer commodities for the Jordanian market, the minister

The minister reviewed areas where itivestment is possible in the northern regions of the Kingdom, mentioning in particular those in tourism, agriculture and

Working papers to he discussed at the two-day seminar deal with transport, water, agriculture, matters affecting livelihood, the municipal affairs, voluntary and customs, tourism, youth and

# national economy and develop- social development, industry, Iran 'ready' for talks

day it was ready for direct talks with Saudi Arahia to end their Beshara diplomatic relations with Tehran

talk, and overcome the great misunderstanding that has been created between us." Tebran Radio quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besbarati as

Rivadh cut ties after accusing

Saudi officials have accused Iran of supporting sabotage in the kingdom. Riyadb blamed Tehran for the riots at the 1987 pilgrimage in which over 400 people

Supporters of rival candidates fought using guns, daggers and sticks, leaving one person dead and at least 25 The person killed was on his way to a polling station in the

North West Frontier Province's Mardan district, the official APP news agency said. It also said political rivals exchanged gunfire in the provincial capital of Peshawar and

The private PPI news agency reported supporters of rival candidates fought with automatic rifles, pistols, daggers and sticks in the Punjab province town of Multan, injuring at least 20 people.

police fired tear-gas to disperse

Another three people were injured in a separate clash in Multan, PPI said, and two were injured in the Punjab A victory in provincial elections would increase bargaining power with independents.

The regional assemblies control key functions such as the police, education, health and development funds. Provincial deputies also play an important role in electing the national president and most members of the senate.

The mandate to form a new government must come from resident Ghulam Ishaq Khan, but he is under no deadline. Bhutto has made clear she expects to be the next prime minister, which would make her the first woman leader of a Muslim country.

on rift with S. Arabia NICOSIA (R) - Iran said Satur- better relations with other Gulf

in April.
"We are prepared to sit down,

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were killed. "We are ready - in view of the readiness displayed in Saudi Arabia and on the hasis of recommendations that have been ex-

changed - to resume direct talks with them and to take serious steps to overcome the conflict hetween the two countries, which has only been exploited by ene-The radio, monitored by the

British Broadcasting Corpora-tion, also quoted Besharati as saying there was no obstacle to relations were restored.

Besharau, who toured Gulf dispute which led Riyadh to sever states earlier this month, said the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the war with Iraq had cleared the way for improved ties with the Gulf

"If we expand our relations with our neighbouring Arah countries the superpowers will not have any pretext for their military presence..." be told the

"If we create more coordination, and especially in OPEC. then we can definitely defend the price of oil so that we will avoid the disagreeable and unpleasant situation that exists today in prices and production of OPEC oil. "In that way, the Western industrial countries will not ex-

ploit the market in disarray. Besharati said the United Arab Emirates had approved the appointment of its ambassador to Iran, and other countries would soon follow suit.

Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz said this week that Iran must stay out of the kingdom's internal affairs if

# Savimbi says tacit Angola truce holding

JAMBA, Angola (Agencies) — Angolan rehel leader Jonas Savimbi says his guerrillas and Cuban forces in Angola are observing an informal ceasefire and conducting negotiations while awaiting the outcome of regional peace talks.

Savimbi told a news conference Friday at his bush headquarters that a delegation of his National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) met Aug. 26 in the Ivory Coast with representatives of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

The purpose of the talks was to turn over two of the 17 Cuban officers captured by UNITA during fighting against Angola's Cuban-and Soviet-hacked government. Savimbi said the delegates also arranged "a tacit understanding that if we don't harass them, they won't attack

Savimbi said Cubans had not

attacked his forces for some time but claimed Soviet personnel had engaged in fighting.
"The Cubans are staying be-

hind. They are not playing a major role. They are not visible," said Savimhi, whose guerrillas are aided by South Africa and the United States.

Savimbi said South African President P.W. Botha has invited him to a meeting Wednesday in Pretoria to discuss the U.S.-mediated peace plan designed to get Cuban troops out of Angola and end South African rule over

Cuba and Augola Friday announced their approval of the

The plan provides for the witbdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and paves the way for independence in Namihia, the former German colony ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations.

#### Israel Radio also reported the Soldiers clamped curfews on movement. Streets were deserted in five clash in Beit Furik saying it occurfive refugee camps in Gaza and major West Bank cities and red during a search raid hy solrestricted entry and exit in the throughout the Gaza Strip. But diers. Nahlus area, the army said. Mubarak: Egypt backs all resolutions adopted by PNC

Hosni Muharak said Saturday Egypt supported all Palestine National Council (PNC) resolo-

tions, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. Some states raised doubts about our intentions when we declared support for the resolutions of the PNC and (they) say that

Egypt did not recognise (the in-dependent Palestinian state).
"We say we supported all PNC resolutions, including the creation of the Palestinian state,"

MENA quoted the president as saying in the delta town of Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said later "Egypt's sup-port for the declaration of the

Palestinian state is stronger than traditional recognition. He was speaking to reporters after talks with senior U.S. State Department official Robert

The new state was proclaimed in Algiers Tuesday at a session of the PNC.

In Israel, the foreign ministry said there was nothing new in Egypt's support of the resolutions and there was no "recognition" of a Palestinian state in Mubarak's remarks.

But Geula Coben, leader of the small, ultra-nationalist Tehiya (renaissance) party said Israel should not return the disputed border region of Taba to Egypt in light of Muharak's statement.

Tehiya won three seats in the Nov. 1 election and is aligned with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud party.

In remarks carried by MENA, Muharak said Saturday the PNC took 'very good decisions. It accepted U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, proclaimed a state and a confedera-

terrorism.

"All of these are excellent, advanced steps and should be exploited in the forward pusb to settle the Palestinian problem." Mubarak said: "I shall bear from Yasser Arafat about details of the Palestinian council's resolutions when he visits Cairo. We also will discuss future steps.

Mubarak did not say when the PLO chairman will arrive. Egyptian newspapers had reported that Arafat was expected

in Cairo Saturday for the opening of a five-day symposium on "Protection of religious sbrines and cultural heritage in Palestine."
Abdullah Al Hourani, a mem-

ber of the PLO Executive Committee who is attending the symposium, told reporters Arafat hoped to come "within the next

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# Khomeini rejects U.S.-Iran ties

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, responding to a letter from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, has rejected any improvement in Tehran-Washington ties. Tehran Radio reported Saturday.

Carter wrote Khomeini stating that the release of American hostages in Lebanon could remove one of the main obstacles to reestablishing Tehrati-Washing-

ton ties, the radio reported In response, Khomeitti issued a statement through his son Ahmad denying any connection between Iran and the hostages in Lehanou, and adding, "just as I have ter's handwriting, the radio said. said before, the relationship of To stop this effort from becom-Iran and the United States is like the relationship of the wolf and the lamb, and between these two

there can never he reconciliation," the radio reported.

The radio quoted Carter's letter as saying:" I hope that the ner," the radio quoted the letter American hostages in Lebanon can be released as soon as possihie; this act would remove one of the main hurdles in the reestablishing of friendly relations between Iran and the U.S."

Fourteen foreigners, including nine Americans, are held by Lehanese groups believed loyal to Iran. The letter, dated Oct. 30, was

received by Khomeitii's office. and Iranian experts have confirmed that the letter is in Caring politicised in our country, and

delaying the release of the hos-

tages, a neutral American chan-

nel must be used, and we at the Carter Centre are prepared to belp in every appropriate manas saying. The Carter Centre, opened in

1986, houses Carter's presidential library as well as his office and is dedicated to research and discussion of public policy. Khomeini said in his statement carried by Tehran Radio that the

order to prevent any misunderstanding. "The tone of the letter is such as though Iran is willing to establish relations with Amrica, but (that) American hostages in Lebanon are an obstacle in the path of the realisation of this

Khomeini's statement as saying.

letter should be made public "in

goal," Tehran Radio quoted

# Gorbachev sees U.S. bid to force reversal of Afghan withdrawal

NEW DELHI (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Saturday the United States and Pakistan appeared intent on forcing Moscow to cancel its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and scuttle a U.N.-mediated Afghan settlement.

Gorbachev, on the second day on an official visit, did not go so far as to threaten to half the pullout, but analysts said his remarks left the door open for such a decision by placing the blame in advance on Washington and Isla-

"It appears that Pakistan and the United States find it hard to accept new approaches to international affairs," he said in a speech accepting the 1987 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize.

"Their actions appear in indicate that they would like to make us rescind those accords, even though the grave consequences of that are ohvious," he said.

Moscow has repeatedly accused Pakisian and the United States of violating the U.N.mediated Afghan accords signed in Geneva in April by continuing to supply arms to rebels.

The Soviet Union earlier this month temporarily suspended its pullout from Afghanistan, complaining that the military situation has deteriorated as the U.S.backed rebels step up attacks on the Afghan army and Soviet posi-

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said in Moscow Friday the Soviet Union intended to withdraw all the remainder of its troops by Feh. 15, the date stipulated by the accords. 'provided the Geneva accords are not finally

More than half the 105,000

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Mubarak said Egypt will con-

sult with Jordan, Saudi Arahia

and other Arab states to give a

push to Middle East peace

efforts, "particularly after the

new U.S. president takes office"

and after formation of a new

Nigeria's military rulers have

welcomed the proclamation of an

independent state of Palestine as

a step towards peace in the Mid-

dle East, state radio reported

Ouoting a federal government

statement, the radio said the PNC

move was "a significant develop-

ment that could lead to the re-

solution of the protracted conflict

The statement from General

Ihrahim Babangida's government

stopped short of adding Nigeria.

Africa's largest nation in popula-

tion, to the more than 30 coun-

tries which have so far formally

In Tunis, PLO Political De-

partment chief Farouk Kaddonmi

said the PLO expects more than

75 states to recognise the newlydeclared state despite an Israeli

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Israeli government.

in the Middle East."

recognised Palestine.

few days."

Saturday.

strong Soviet force left Afghanistan by Aug. 15 in the first phase

of the withdrawal.

The Soviet leader's comments on Afghanistan were the sole contentious note in a speech stressing his plan - recently laid out in the Siberian city of Krasnovarsk -- for closer political and economic links between Asian and Pacific nations.

Earlier Saturday, asked about Moscow's wrangle with its Baltic republics over demands for more autonomy. Gorhachev told reporters that he thought things would settle down.

Gorbachev, on his second trip in two years to Moscow's closest ally in South Asia, has sought to reassure his hosts that the Soviet Union's friendship is as firm as

### Chinese relations

In his speech. Gorbachev said he wanted to see detente continue between China and its two big neighbours. India and the Soviet Union.

Thinking of countries like the progress." he said.

Gorbachev said Moscow was pleased to see signs of improvement in Indian-Chinese ties, adding that the Soviet Union's own links with China were evolv-

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diplomatic offensive to dissuade

offensive, especially towards

European countries, non-aligned

and socialist countries and Amer-

ican public opinion to persuade

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states, that's de facto and real

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and said that the Ringdom

hopes to launch a greater mea-

sure of cooperation with Japan

Minister of State for Cabinet

The head of the delegation

earlier stated that his company

was trying to explore areas for

investment in Jordan in coop-

cration with the private and

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public sectors here.

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interview with Reuters.

recognition." he said.

The PLO is launching its own

Mubarak: Egypt backs all PNC resolutions

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi plans to visit Peking next month, the first such trip by an Indian leader in 34 years.

A Soviet-Chinese summit was "probably not too far away" he said, but gave no date.

The Soviet and Chinese foreign ministers are visiting each other's capitals in the coming months to prepare the groundwork for a possible summit.

### 'New Afghan measures'

In an Afghan-related develop-ment the Soviet military command in Afghanistan announced Friday new measures against Afghan rebels it said were stepping up acts of "sahotage and terrorism" throughout the

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news hriefing the warning followed a rocket attack on Kabul airport last Sunday and the bomhardment of an Afghan army convoy near the Pakisian horder

Ten Soviet soldiers were killed in the airport attack and seven journalists - four Soviet, a French, an Indian and a West German - were lightly wounded

in the other incident. 'In connection with the barbarous attacks...the command of

tinues escalating military activities, the command will have to apply other military means at its

It gave no details of what measures were envisaged.

Asked to explain a Soviet state-

ment saying Moscow recognised

the proclamation of the state.

rather than the state itself. Rad-

doumi said the Soviet Union was

step by step with the necessary

stages for the state to take shape.

with complete withdrawal of the

Israeli occupation and (then) with

the Palestinian people practising complete sovereignty." he said.

staying here until Nov. 21. The

purpose of their mission is to

explore ways and means of

investment in the markets of

Jordan to promote and find

export markets for Jordanian

products through C.ITOH in

the world markets, to develop

a system for enhancing the

husiness relationship between

Jordanian firms and C.ITOH

The mission members will

meet with Jordanian indus-

trialists at the Amman Cham-

ber of Industry and the Am-

offices worldwide.

taking a gradual approach.

# Missile hits Sudanese minister's plane

KHARTOUM (R) - A plane carrying the Sudanese defence minister was hit by a missile Thursday, the state Radio Omdurman reported Saturday.

The radio said Defence Minister Abdul Maged Hamed Khalil escaped injury when his plane was hit by a Soviet-made SAM-7 missile believed fired by rebeis shortly after takeoff from the southeastern town of Wau.

The pilot managed to control the plane with difficulty and land it at Wau again, the radio added. It dld not identify the plane which was also carrying several senior army officers. Rebels have long threatened to shoot down any aircraft flying to the south without their

in recent weeks they have shot at three civilian aircraft landing or taking off from the southern town of Juba. The rebels shot down two

SAM-7s in 1986 and 1987, killing 75 people.

civilian passenger aircraft with

Radio Omdurman said the people of Wau, 1,000 kilometres southeast of Khartoum, closed shops and staged a

march Friday to protest at the attack on Khalli's plane.

Khalil, a retired general who took the defence portfolio six months ago, was on a tour of Buhr Al Ghazal region.

The civil war has caused mass starvation in the south of Suden and created three million refugees.

The attack happened a day after rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) signed an agreement in Addis Ababa aimed at ending five years of civil war in south Sudan.

# **EEC** hits Israel's use of force

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Force used by Israel against the sulted. Palestinian uprising was excessive and its claim that this responded only to violent protest was not borne out by the facts, the European Economic Community tEEC) states said Friday.

Their views were given in the General Assembly's Special Political committee by the Greek delegate. Grigoris Papadopoulos, who spoke of the Palestinians' resentment after long occupation and fsrael's "iron fist" policy. He said that notwithstanding

Israeli claims that plastic hullets

lethal, a number of deaths re-Furthermore, Papadopoulos

said, military personnel seemed to have received inadequate training or control. The level of force employed by

the Israeli authorities was excessive hy any standard, he said, affirming the EEC's stand that the only way to solve the occupied territories' problems was through peaceful negotiations. He said the 12-nation community called on Israel to halt its

illegal puticy of settling the area. Papadopoulos said members used against printesters were non- were concerned about restrictions was expected to be \$42.8 ntillion.

Hopes fade for early release

on media freedom, the detention and harassment of journalists and the continued closing of the Palestinian Press Service.

Israel's policy of expulsions indicated the readiness of the occupation authorities to make increasing use of that practice despite international pressure, he

He said the community increased its cash contribution to the U.N.'s education programmes for Palestine refugees by 20 per cent or about \$22 million and the total value of its aid this year

# Mass execution of political prisoners reported in Iran

dissident Mujahedeen e-Khalq has reported mass execution of hundreds of political prisoners in 13 Iranian cities, and hanging of four women in Amol on Iranian revolutionary partiarch Ayatollah Khnmeini's personal order in recent weeks.

In a telexed statement received hy the Jordan Times Friday, the Mujahedeen said based on reports from Iran, hundreds of political prisoners in Tehrao. Roodsar, Tabriz, Zanjan. Ahwaz, Karaj, Broojerd, Semnan, Arak, Salmas, Khoy, Shahr-Kord, and Amol had been executed by firing squads or hanged in recent weeks

According to these reports, Khomeini has personally issued the order for the mass execution of Mujahedeen prisoners in fear of the overthrow of his rule, especially after his acceptance of Resolution 598 and the swallowing of the "poison of peace." The Mujahedeen statement

In Tehran's Evin prison. dozens of prisoners, including Hassan Khonsari, seven years in prison, Hassan Keyvanfar, four years in prison. 19-year-old Noor-hakhsh, and Massoud Alai Khastoo, the grandson of the late Avaiollah Talegani — a leader of the anti-monarchic revolution were executed by firing squad. Massoud Alai Khustoo was there is no information available arrested in 1981 on the charges of on their fate.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Iranian supporting the Mujahedeen while 17 years-old and was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment. In his seven years of incarceration he endured many tortures and speni three consecutive years in Evin's notorious solitary confinement In Gohardashi prison in Karaj dozens of other prisoners, including Behrooz Behnamzadeh who had served seven years, were also executed.

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Four women were publicly hanged at Stone Bridge opposite Saba Inn and in Amol. A number of political prisoners, including Hamzeb Mahjoob, a close relative Hojatoleslam Jalal Ganje i — an anti-Khomeini clergyman and a member of the National Council of Resistance were also executed in Roodsar. Mahjoob was arrested on the charge of supporting the Mujahe deen in 1982 while 16 years-old and spent six years in prison, enduring the most severe tortures, without ever being tried. Also, 38 other political prison-

the past two weeks. At the same time, 25 people were executed in Zanjan.

ers in Tabriz were executed in

Another 16 people were executed in Ahwaz. Another 40 political prisoners

have been transferred from Lahijan prison to the prison in Chaloos for execution. At present

# MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Iragis asked to surrender illegal weapons

BAGHDAD (R) - The Iraqi government asked its citizens Friday to hand in weapons obtained illegally during the eight-year war with Iran. Arms and ammunition should be surrendered to police stations or ruling Baath Party offices as part of efforts to secure comprehensive peace and to stop violent incidents, a government statement read on television said.

# Iranian PoWs pay homage at Iraqi shrines

KARBALA (AP) — Around 100 Iranian prisoners of war (PoWs). dressed in yellow tracksuits. Friday worshipped at the gold-andsilver shrine of Imam Hussein in this holy city. Many of the PoWs wept as they kissed the silver structure forming the tomb of the 7th century leader. After finishing their prayers and chanting religious verses the Iranians were taken to another shrine 70 kilometres away at Najaf. The three hus-loads of Iranian prisoners were escorted by military police and plainclothes security men. An army officer with the escort said the tour to Karbala and Najaf was staged for humanitarian reasons before the prisoners are repatriated to Iran.

# Iran wants strong air force

NICOSIA (R) - Iran said Friday it would strengthen its air force battered by eight years of war with Iraq, to make it one of the most powerful in the region. "The government will...complete (the air force's) defensive and offensive range of equipment," Iranian Television quoted acting military commander Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying. Tehran has mainly U.S.-built F-4, and F-5 and F-14 Phantoms from before the 1979 revolution. Uoconfirmed Western reports say it bought Chinese-built MiG Fighters in 1987. "God willing, the air force will become one of the most powerful in the region." Rufsanjani said at Dezful air hase in southwest Iran. The London based International Institute for Strategic Studies estimated Iran had 60 serviceable combat aircraft last year.

## 3 prisoners found dead in Israeli jail

TEL AVIV (AP) - Three Israeli prisoners were found dead in their cell Friday after apparently overdosing oo drugs smuggled into the prisoo, officials said. Two other inmates sharing the cell at Damoun prison were found unconscious, but later recovered, said Johnny Tester, a spokesman for the prisons service. All five were found lying in their beds when guards checked the cell at 8:15 a.m. Tester said. Two other inmates sharing the cell escaped unharmed and were being interrogated by police. Tester said. Tester noted that the seven men were being held in a special section set aside for prisoners whose lives had been threatened, usually because they served as informants.

#### of kidnapped ICRC delegate Soviet Union, India and China, the Soviet forces declares it has one is inevitably led to realise taken additional measures to put that improving relations hetween an end to sabotage and terrorthem are extremely important for ism." the statement said. A week-long search around the southern port of the destinies of Asia and global "If the armed opposition con-

SIDON (AP) — Hopes faded Saturday for an early release of Peter Winkler, a Swiss delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), who was abducted in this southern provincial capital two days ago.

"We have searched the whole Sidon region for Mr. Winkler despite heavy rains and bad weather conditions, but we couldn't find any clue to his whereabouts," said Ahu Yahya, an official of the Popular Nasscrite Organisation (PNO). Mustafa Saad's PNO militia has been governing

Sidon since the outbreak of Lebanon's civil war in "Our command today cancelled the security

alert orders which were called after Mr. Winkler's abduction. Of course, our security system will remain interested in his case, but the major search campaign is over." Abu Yahya added.

PNO militiamen and allied Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters combed through Sidon's hanana and orange groves and the city's 'Ain Al Hilweh and Mich Mich refugee camps for

Winkler Friday.
Winkler, 32, was kidnapped by three unidentified gunmen Thursday in this port, 40 kilnmetres

south of Beirut. Previous attempts to release foreign hostages in

Tyre hy the mainstream Shi'ite Amal militia failed to locate American William R. Higgins who was abducted last Feb. 17.

However, a Swede and a Norwegian working for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees were released early last March, 25 days after their abduction in the Sidon region when searchers said they knew where they were being held. No group has claimed responsibility for Wink-

PNO and police officials, however, believe the Swiss humanitarian activist was kidnapped for a trade-off with Hussein Hariri, a 22-year-old Lebanese hijacker jailed in Geneva.

Hariri, a member of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, hijacked an Air Afrique jetliner and forced it to land in Geneva July 24, 1987. He was arrested after killing a French passenger.

In addition to Winkler, 14 Westerners are held hostage in Lebanon, mainly by pro-Iranian fac-

In addition, Fatah-Revolutionary Council, the Palestinian faction of Abu Nidal, said Nov. 8, 1987 it was holding five Belgians and three French hostages scized aboard a yacht off the Israefi-South Lebanon have not always been successful. occupied Gaza Strip.

# U.S. court drops deportation of 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) - De- status under the federal immigraportation proceedings against two Palestinians accused of having links to a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) group were halted Friday, hut the government continued to press for expulsion of six others in the case.

The two-year old prosecution has drawn widespread attention because the immigrants say the government is trying to deny them the free-speech rights enjoyed by American citizens.

Deportation proceedings against Aiad Khaled Barakat, 27, of Los Angeles, and Naim Nadim Sharif, 30, of a Los Angeles suburb, were suspended. The man Chamber of Commerce. I men are seeking legal resident tice Department sought to deport

tion amnesty. Ingrid K. Hrycenko, the im-

migration judge, said the government could resume deportation efforts if the men don't qualify for Hearings were set for March 22 and 23, 1989, for the others. They

are five Palestinian men and the Kenyan-born wife of one of the The case, widely watched hecause of the civil rights implica-

tions, began with the arrests of the group in late January 1986

and early Fehruary 1987. The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) and Jus-

the immigrants on grounds they were active in local activities of the People's Front for the Liberatinn of Palestine (PFLP). The case was brought under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act, which makes it a deportable offence to be affiliated with a group that advocates communism

Federal authorities dropped McCarran-Walter proceedings against six of the immigrants whose visa status is uncertain. Deportation cases against those six, including the two in Friday's hearing, are proceeding on other grnunds, ranging from overstaving a tourist visa to failing to maintain a full course load on a student visa.

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# **Queen Noor inaugurates** institute for nurse tutors

AMMAN (J.T.) - A training institute to turn out much needed nurse lutors and instructors, was inaugurated Saturday by Her Majesty Queen Noor in the course of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday.

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The institute, which at present will be temporarily housed at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman, will be moved to Zarga once the construction work on the premises has been completed.

In a speech at the inauguration ceremony Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh said that the tutors will be employed by the ministry to train nurses and meet the country's growing need from now and until the year 2000.

Hamzeh voiced his ministry's pride in being supported by Queen Noor for all its projects to

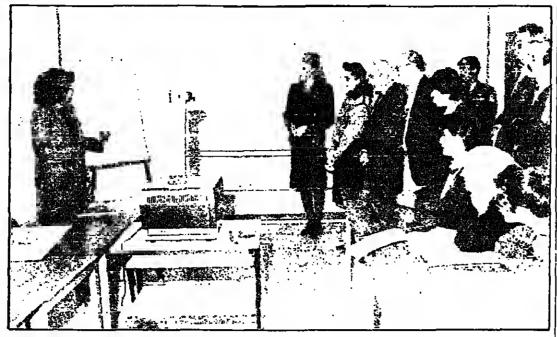
promote social and health standards, and expressed appreciation to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for its contribution to the project.

The USAID director delivered a speech outlining the role that the institute can play in promoting the nursing profession and contributing to the primary health care in Jordan.

Following the specches the Oueen toured parts of the institute and was briefed on its facilitics and programmes.

The queen later visited the Jordanian Nursing School which is run by the Ministry of Health at Al Bashir Hospital.

The opening ceremony was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Faisal and other officials as well as U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth.



Her Majesty Queen Noor familiarises herself with the various facilities of a nursing tutors centre which Her Majesty opened Saturday (Petra photo)

# Queen opens art exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Oueen Noor Al Hussein Saturday opened a three-week art exhibition by eight Jordanian plastic artists at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation. The Queen toured various sections of the foundation and reviewed the various scientific and cultural activi-

ties and the type of work being practised there. Present were Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali, Information Minister Hani Khasawneh, the director of Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the chief of the board of directors of Abdul Hamid Shoman Founda-

## **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

CONDOLENCES: Royal Court Secretary General Dr. Bassam Al Saket Saturday represented His Majesty King Hussein at the funeral of the late mother of Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud. Dr. Saket also represented the King in conveying condolences to the families of Touqan and Al Awamleh on the death of late Suha Tougan Al Awamleh. (Petra)

SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION: Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, a four-day seminar on acceptance at the higher education level is due to open Sunday at the University of Jordan. The seminar will discuss a number of subjects dealing with policies of acceptance and their goals, problems related to foreign students, laws of acceptance adopted at Arab universities, and acceptance of foreign students in Jordanian universities. Some eighty university officials and experts from Arab and foreign universities are due to participate in this seminar. (Petra)

EXPATRIATES CELEBRATE: The Jordanian community in Qatar has celebrated His Majesty King Hussein's birthday. A number of Qatari officials and heads of Arab diplomatic missions in Qatar Friday attended a ceremony held on this anniversary at Gulf Hotel in Doha, during which national and folkloric songs were performed. Jordanian expatriates expressed their pride in King Hussein's wise leadership. (Petra)

FUNERAL: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday attended the funeral of the late Samya Al Hai Hussein, the mother of Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud, and conveyed his condolences. (Petra)

SHARIF ZAID MEETS U.N. COMMANDER: Armed Forces Commander in Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker met in his office Saturday with the commander of the U.N. peace keeping forces in the Middle East. The meeting, at the army headquarters, was attended by Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb. (Petra)

YARMOUK STUDENTS VISIT AFM: A student delegation from Yarmouk University Banking and Financial Sciences Department, accompanied by Dr. Jalal Bayyati, paid a visit to Amman Financial Market (AFM) earlier this week where they were briefed by the AFM officials on the market's development and activities. (Petra)

WAD! MOUSA DEVELOPMENT: The actual expenditure on projects carried out in Wadi Mousa development area amounted to JD 665,000, of which JD 271,000 were spent on social projects. Expenditures on infrastructure projects, including the construction of agricultural roads and drilling of water wells, totalled JD 214,000. Private sector investments amounted to JD 177,000, including JD

50,000 for buying machinery and JD 20,000 for construction of roads. AL RAWDAH GETS LOAN: The Cities and Development Bank has decided to grant Al Rawdah Municipality in the Jordan Valley a loan of JD 60,000 to pave the streets and carry out other municipal

# Islamic news agencies discuss cooperation

JEDDAH (Petra) - The executive council of the Islamic News Agency (INA) opened a two-day meening here Saturday to discuss cooperation among news agencies in the Islamic World

among other important issues. The director of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Ali Safadi is leading Jordan's delegation to the meeting which will decide on 1989 budget, plans to promote script-writers skills and inter-Islamic cooperation in news ex-

Following the council's meetings the INA general assembly will convene here to review these questions and the council's recommendations which are designed to promote the work of Islamic news agencies.

On the council are members representing Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tunisia, Qatar, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Niger.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON**

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

- An exhibition of rare Arabic coins at the Central Bank of
- A book exhibition of recent American publications on economics, management, business, and other topics of interest to students and professionals in business and public administration at the American Centre.
- A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.
- A plastic art exhibition by Abdul Ra'ouf Shamoun at Jordan Association of Plastic Arts hall.

# **SEMINARS**

Seminar: "The youth issues, their role, and the repercussion of their return to their homeland" at Abdul Hailard Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

# FILMS

☆ Feature Illm: "Children of a Lesser C d" at the American Centre at 7:00 p.m.

# **UNDP gives \$25,000 to finance** traditional handicraft project

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has granted Jordan \$25,000 to help it finance part of a traditional handicraft project which is being implemented by the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) in the Karak region.

The project aims to develop local traditional crafts as part of the Jordanian cultural heritage, and to train local women in southern Jordan in traditional skills and to produce different items which, when marketed in Jordan and abroad, will provide revenues for their families and improve their living standards, according to a statement issued sentative in Jordan.

upon the signing of the grant agreement.

OAF's board of trustees, voluntary work in the Kingdom. attended the signing ceremony at the UNDP office in Amman.

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The agreement was signed for Atiga noted.

Following the signing ceremony, Atiqa said that the grant was a Her Royal Highness Princess token gift to encourage all orga-Basma, who is president of the nisations to promote social and

"The UNDP is delighted to see Jordan among a few developing According to the statement, nations conducting such activity the grant was made in recognition on a large scale, and the QAF is of QAF by the United Nations as regarded as a pioneer in endeavours designed to ptomote nisation to offer such services to women's capabilities and potentials to serve their communities,"

the QAF by a member of the The annual prize is annually fund's board of trustees. Walld granted to a non-governmental Asfour, and for the UNDP, Mr. organisation that contributes to-Ali Atiqa, U.N. resident repre- wards the development of local

# Hindawi to leave for U.K. Sunday

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi will go to London Sunday at the head of a delegation on an official visit to the United Kingdom.

He will hold meetings with officials to discuss bilateral coopter teaching at schools and will (BBC).

tour a number of British institutions and organisations emonther visit by Dr. Izzat Jaradat, ploying computer teaching in their courses.

on the visit by Dr. Izzat Jaradat, director of the ministry's Planning and Educational Develop-

During the week-long visit, Hindawi will take part in educational seminars to be held at London University and at the eration in education and compu- British Broadcasting Corporation

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The meeting he said is ex-

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to serve for the coming two years.

Meeting on phosphates

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The minister is accompanied ment Department, and Dr. Ahmad Hiyasat, Director of the ministry's Curricula Department.

Jordan is buying British computers for its schools under an agreement signed last year by the two countries.

# Tunis meeting to probe Arab transport networks

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will Speaking on the eve of his take part in the Arab League departure for Tunis to head Jordan will speaking on the eve of his take part in the Arab League ministerial meeting on transport dan's delegation. Haj Hassan said in the Arab World which is due to open in Tunis on Nov. 22 and will be represented at the meeting by Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj

Haj Hassan said Saturday that the ministers will review a host of questions pertaining to the trans- among Arab countries by land, port sector and will dwell on a air and sea will be reviewed at the pan-Arab transport strategy designed to unify and integrate transport and communications means of transport in the Arab

**Theatre** season to open on **Nov. 28** 

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage will open a month long theatre season on Nov. 28 to present four different plays by Jordanian producers and a number of cultural seminars to discuss Jordan's endeavours in theatre

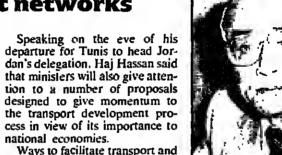
The ministry seeks to safeguard artistic potentials and to promote theatre work and acting as part of its endeavours to promote culture in the Kingdom, Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri said in a statement to the Jordan News

Agency, Petra. He said that the seminars, to be art as a whole.

The theatre festival will be held on annual basis since it offers the opportunity to the theatre actors and producers to discuss means of promoting Jordanian cultural and artistic efforts, Hammouri noted.

Both the private and public sectors will be involved in the festival, the first of its kind in the Kingdom; I cause the ministry intends to set up a national theatre group, Hammouri said.

He said the ministry's various departments, working in cooperation with the private sector, have produced a number of plays which were presented in Jordan and abroad and featured in the Baghdad, Damascus and the cairo theatre festivals.



Khaled Al Hai Hassan

The meeting was attended by the directors of the Jordanian Ports Corporation, the Aqaba Railway Corporation and the Jorpected to find ways to boost the dan-Iraq Land Transport Company and the Syrian-Jordanian Land Transport Company, as well as representatives of the meni, and whose services can Jordan Phosphate Mines Com-

The meeting discussed also the question of transporting goods imported by other Arab countries via Agaba.

poration to classify vessels will be among the other topics to be At its recent board meeting taken up by the three day meethere the Iraq-Jordan Land Transport Company announced it will He said that the ministerial assign 90 Jup from 30) trucks to meeting will elect an executive be employed in the process of transporting Jordanian phosphate committee on pan-Arab transport from Hassa, Abiad and Shidieh mines in southern Jordan to

Aqaba.
The Minister of Transport earlier introduced measures by Also on Saturday Haj Hassan chaired a meeting at his office to which all trucks arriving at Aqaba discuss proper measures to ento transport goods imported through Aqaba should first make sure the flow of sufficient quantities of phosphate mined in south- at least one trip to the mines to ern Jordan to the port city of transport a load of phosphate for

# **Education spending in** held next month, will try to focus light on actors, plays and theatre Ma'an tops JD 972,000

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Jordan News Agency, Petra.

MA'AN (Petra) - The total Qasimieh and Wahideh. Qut of actual spending on educational this sum, he said, JD 106,000 projects in Ma'an Governorate were spent to build housing units last year amounted to JD 972.000, for men and women teachers in a

director, JD 375,000 are now He said that the funds financed being spent on schools and more the construction of schools at housing projects for teachers Wadi Mousa, Jaffr Manshieh, within Ma'an Governorate.

SEMINAR TO DISCUSS HUMIDITY: Jordanian and foreign experts will participate in a seminar Wednesday to be held by the Energy and Electricity Information and Advisory Centre on humidity problems in residential areas and its causes. The seminar will discuss a number of working papers on energy preservation, humidity blems in Jordan, and ventilation in buildings. (Petra) Seminar on management of water resources opens

# Jordan expected to need 266m. cubic metres of water by the year 2005

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is expected to require nearly 266 million cubic metres of water for annual consumption by the year 2005 and therefore the Ministry of Water and Irrigation has to intensify its efforts to provide sufficient amounts through prospecting for new resources, according to Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan Saturday.

"Jordan's needs of water can be met through additional arte- water production was put at 150 sian wells, the construction of million cubic metres mainly dams and research on means of drawn from underground, the recycling treated water, the minister told a regional seminar which opened in Amman to discuss management of water resources in urban regions. The speech was delivered on his behalf by a senior ministry official who reviewed the ministry's programmes to supply water to all regions and to lay sewerage systems in various parts of the Kingdom.

At present nearly 99 per cent of the population in the Kingdom receive water from water networks in the urban regions and 96 per cent in the rural regions receive supplies from water networks. While nearly 70 per cent of the population will have their homes linked to sewerage systems by 1990, the minister said in his speech.

These achievements were realised in Jordan despite the country's meagre water resources and poor rainfall, he said.

According to the minister only 100 millimetres of rain water fall annually on desert and southern areas of the Kingdom, and 600 millimetres in northern and westA 1987 estimate of Jordan's minister noted.

Dakhqan said that nearly 50 per cent of the total amount of water used for irrigation is lost on the way to the fields either through leakage in the pipelines. or evaporation.

The ministry has introduced a system by which it imposes higher rates on major users of water thus curtailing excessive consumption, and is continually conducting maintenance on networks to prevent any loss through leakage. Dakhqan said.

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh delegated the director of his ministry's Department of Primary Health Care to deliver his speech in which he stressed the need to supply all citizens with sufficient table water.

"Drinking water helps to maintain a healthy community and enables the country to raise its social and economic standards,

the minister said in his speech. Indeed he said provision of fresh water to all people is one important element in the World endeavours to achieve primary sources.

health care to all people by the vear 2000.

The different state departments are not the only parties that should be involved in ensuring water supplies to all regions. This is a national effort that requires cooperation from all sectors. The Health Ministry can help by testing water samples and ensuring potable supplies for the minister noted. citizens. Hamzeh cautioned that there should be a rationalisation of water consumption and maintenance of networks if national efforts to provide sufficient water supplies are to achieve success.

A representative of the World Health Organisation, which is sponsoring the seminar in cooperation with Jordan and the World Bank, said that nearly half hospitalised patients in the world suffer from one form of disease or another related to water. "Therefore proper management of water resources and distribution has become essential not only to save a precious source of life but to save humans from catching any dis-

A World Bank representative who addressed the seminar later said that the meeting will try to focus attention on information that can help national authorities draw up sound water policies.

The three-day seminar will discuss the most proper types of pipes to be used in water networks, the most efficient ways to lay water systems, corrosion of pipes, water policies, means to stem leakage from water systems Health Organisation's (WHO) and special studies on water re-

# Japanese official dissatisfied with selection of activities for volunteers

By Rabab Mango Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The director general of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Takeshi Nakamura, who concluded a visit to Jordan has expressed his dissatisfaction with areas which were pointed out. young Japanese volunteers in

In a statement to the Jordan Times, Nakamura said that the volunteers have been doing work with Jordanian experts and skilled manpower with very high qualifications and experience at a rime when their expertise was

needed elsewhere. In addition those working at Jordan University Hospital have been helping nurses of non-Jordanian nationality in violation of the JOCV principles, Naka-

mura said. A total of 20 young volunteers from Japan have been providing voluntary work at the Univerity of Jordan, Yarmouk University, the Royal Scientific Society, the Jordanian Sports Federations. some of which deal with computers, architecture, nursing, city planning and archaeology.

In some cases the young volunteers, contribution was of great benefit, especially in projects

being carried out in Tafileh region. Nakamura noted.

Once their term of service is over, the volunteers will leave the country. "This does not mean that they cannot come back for employment in other fields on voluntary basis," Nakamura tions.

These volunteers, he

government gave its prior consent and pointed out areas for such

Japanese volunteers had beencoming to Jordan since 1985 within a programme conducted by lOCV to help developing na-Nakamura staved here for a

could be employed by the private conducting assessment of their sector in Jordan provided the work in different specialisations.

## Jordan, N. Yemen to discuss air transport cooperation

tion delegation from North Ye- technical, agricultural, touris: men is due here on Nov. 26 on a visit to Jordan and talks on promoting bilateral cooperation in air transport.

The delegatin will be led by North Yemen's civil aviation authority director who will spend several days of talks with officials from the Civil Aviation Au-

Taher Al Masri visited Sanaa and held talks with officials that en-

AMMAN (Petra) - A civil avia- cultural educational scientific.

economic and trade fields.

The talks, conducted through the joint Jordanian-North Yemeni higher committee led by Masri. resulted in North Yemen's requesting the services of 500 Jordanian teachers and employing engineers and doctors to carry out work in North Yemen.

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Last February Foreign Minister Authority has announced that it will take part in the 32nd meeting of the Civil Aviation Council of ded with signing of minutes of the Arab Countries of the to open deliberations which paved the Thursday in the Libyan capital of Thursday in the Libyan capital of way for bilateral cooperation in Tripoli.

# **Swiss** pianist to perform in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Swiss Pianist Werner Bartschi will present a recital at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Monday Nov. 21 under the patronage of Prince Raad Ibn Zaid.

The recital is in implementation of a Swiss-Jordanian cultural cooperation agreement and the proceeds will benefit the Blind Association in Jordan.

Bartschi is an artistic personality that does not conform to the usual criteria of the musical world. His determination to keep redefining the aim of concerts, and to question the aesthetic stand of each individual work can be clearly felt in his playing. This is precisely why his interpretations are perceived by many as particularly spontaneous, communicative and thrilling.

Born 1950 in Zurich, the artist possesses a wide repertoire ranging from early Baroque to contemporary music. He has given first performance of many works; Concerts in Switzerland and in more than 25 other countries in Europe, America and the Arab World; radio broadcasts, numerous records and television appearances testify to a success-



Werner Bartschi

full pianistic activity. He also won recognition as an editor of books on music and organiser of the programmes of various concert series, as well as for initiating and carrying through such cultural events, as for instance the Zurich Satieof performances of those composer's works in all town's important musical institutions.

In 1980 he found "Rezital". a concert series in Zurich which concentrates his conceptional aspirations into a continuous programme concept.

"Grand Prix du Disque" of the Académie de Disque Française. In 1987 he was chosen to direct a masterclass in Schaffhausen. In the summer of 1986. Bärtschi retired completely from concert in order to devote himself to Season or the Ives-Cycle, a series composing for a lear. His return to the stage in the automn of 1987 was hailed by press and public

In 1983 be was awarded the

Bartschi's repertoir includes Johann Bach, Frederic Chopin, Ludwig Van Beethoven, and

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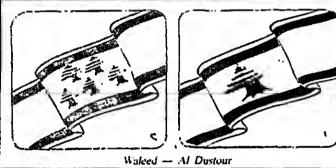
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# Winds of change in Pakistan

THE PLURALITY that Benazir Bhutto's party won in this week's general elections in Pakistan is by no means an accident or a fluke. It is the most resounding message of the Pakistani people expressing their yearning for democracy. Hand-in-hand with this sentiment is also what could perhaps be the most important lesson in the elections - that the traditional Muslim society in Pakistan has no qualms about electing a woman to possibly lead the country. This lesson has not only undermined the contention of many Third World leaders that their countries are not yet ready for democracy but also proved that little significance is given to other factors when it comes to choosing democracy as a way

The very fact that there are no bones of contention in the way the Pakistani elections were conducted, and that all factions appear to have accepted the outcome of the people's choice, bodes well for the second most populous Muslim country to reinforce its role in the Islamic World as well as the international community.

Regardless of whether Bhutto realises her claim to premiership of Pakistan or whether one of her opponents beats her to the chair, the fact remains that the country has taken a firm step towards enhancing democracy. The people have made their choice and it is up to Muslims and Arahs. who have long-rooted relations with Pakistan, and the international community, to extend a welcoming hand to the new leader in Islamabad and help the country to continue its service in the Arah and Muslim cause and international detente and cooperation.



## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'l Arabic daily Saturday said prospects for convening an international Middle East peace conference have increased now following the Arah Nation's endeavours to bolster the stand of the PLO as a legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and following the successful efforts to end the Gulf war. The Palestine National Council's announcement of an independent Palestinian state, recognising the U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as a hasis for establishing peace has also contributed to current efforts and consultations towards convening the projected conference, the paper noted. It said that Israel of course continues to object such a conference because it is determined to obstruct all paths leading to a just and durable peace hecause this is compatible with the Zionist strategy. The American position seems todate to be still under the influence of Israel's ideas, as Washington continues to reject the projected conference, the paper added. Therefore, it said, there is no alternative to doubling the Arab World's efforts at all fronts for the sake of ensuring an international conference that would put an end to the conflict in the Middle East region.

The Editor of Al Ra'i daily writes on the situation in Sudan where one of its political parties has drawn up plans for peace with the leaders of the rebel forces. Perhaps the question of southern Sudan and the rebellion going on there is the most significant issue that requires settlement to help Sudanese people to devote their time and efforts to rebuilding the country following years of drought, famine and in the wake of an invasion of locusts, says Rakan Al Majali. The step taken by the Sudanese Unionist Democratic Party which is spearheading the efforts for peace, has won support and warm welcome from all the Sudanese people who see in it as a constructive step leading to the end of many of the country's problems, the writer points out. The fact that Ethiopia is taking pan in the current peace efforts between the two sides, the writer adds, indicates that any agreement would be respected by warring factions and their neighbours, a step that can

Al Dustour daily wrote Saturday on the situation in the occupied Arab territories describing Israel's current inhuman practices as a link in a series of actions designed to evict the Arahs from their homeland in Palesnne. To do this, Israel plans first to stifle the on-going uprising for good with inhuman practices, especially as the extremist elements in the Israeli leadership are now at the helm, directing operations against the Atab population, the paper noted. Israel's inhuman actions are particularly stepped up now following the proclamation of the independent Palestinian state. the paper added. Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's statement that Israel will maintain its occupation of the Arab land and will never give up any part to the Arabs is sufficient proof of Israel's intentions and the plans of the coming coalition government, the paper pointed out, ft said that fsrael has escalated its inhuman practices in the wake of the proclamation of the Palestine state as a direct response to the PLO's moves towards peace and in a display of open challenge to the Arab Nation and the world at large.

Sawt Al Shaab daily discussed a report to the U.N. General Assembly on the situation in the occupied Arab territories and comments on it by Jordan's U.N. Ambassador Abdullah Salah. The report and the ambassador comments both expose Israel's inhuman practices against the Palestinian people and manifests Israel's total disregard to the world community and U.N. principles, the paper noted. To perpetuate its occupation of Palestine, Israel has been employing all forms of repression and imprisonment against the Arab people trying to evict them from their land or subjugate them to the Zionists' will, the paper added.

# Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

# Reduce debt servicing

ACCORDING to official statistics, Jordan's external debt stands at \$3.5 billion. Adding military, private sector and other debts puts the figure in the neighbourhood of \$5 to 6 billion. This is not a huge figure in comparison with debts of other developing countries, but it is not a light burden in relation to the small Jordanian economy

The capital account in the balance of payments indicates that debt service during the last three years averaged JD 213 million or \$650 million a year. This is quite a hig amount because it swallows 16.5 per cent of the gross receipts in foreign currencies from all current sources, including exports of goods and services, expatriates remittances, and Arab aid. It is also equivalent to 11.5 per cent of the gross national product (GNP), or 14.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

The volume of Jordan's external public debt, like the debt of all developing countries, is growing even without new withdrawals from loans, because of the rise in the exchange rate of foreign currencies which results in an increase in the burden of debt

service measured in local currency.

The government has a declared policy towards external public debt. The policy stipulates no withdrawal of new loans in excess of

repayments of old loans. Such policy, if adhered to, would halt the growth of external dehts, and reduce the outstanding debts. The government has also announced that it would continue to service the debts and pay all commitments on time. Such policy, if adhered to, will maintain the credit worthiness of the

country in the international markets. Other additional points are in order. The shifting towards internal horrowing is no solution. Domestic borrowing has almost the same effect. The hanking system could not acquire more governmental assets except at the expense of liquidating foreign assets. The deficit in the budget, under relative stability in money supply, must be translated into a halance of payments deficit. There is no cure to the deficit in the current account without having the hudget deficit under control.

On the other hand the picture should be completed by including all other external dehts. There is no reason to shy away from stating the military debts incurred to arm our forces, which must be an Arab responsibility. Private sector loans are also part of the external deht, even when they are not guaranteed by the government. Only short term credit can be excluded because it is automatically renewable under normal circumstances.

It should be pointed out that a major part of the public external debt is due to Arab governments. The outstanding balance in favour of Kuwait is JD 72 million. Saudi Arabia JD 64 million, Abu Dhabi JD 27.5 million, Iraq JD 20 million, Libya JD 1.5

All these countries are in debt to Jordan in accordance with their Baghdad summit financial commitments. All, except Saudi Arabia, are late in transferring huge amounts to Jordan. Their excuse is lack of liquidity and the unavailability of funds, Therefore, the Ministry of Finance may want to contact the governments concerned to write off these debts against part of their late payments.

Such a step, if taken by mutual agreement, will reduce Jordan's external deht substantially, and improve the image of the Jordanian economy. It will reduce the burden of external debt service and maintain it within the Kingdom's ability.

It is in the interest of the Arab oil producing countries to keep Jordan strong, because Jordan protects their northern flank and operates as a haffer zone between them and the Zionist war machine. The strength of Jordan is a security asset for their

# The birth of the State of Palestine

The following is the full text of the Palestine National Council declaration of independence issued Nov. 15

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

PALESTINE, the land of the three monotheistic faiths, is where the Palestinian Arah people was born, on which it grew, developed and excelled. The Palestinian people was never separated from or diminished in its integral bonds with Palestine.
Thus the Palestinian Arab people ensured for itself an everlasting union hetween itself, its land and its history.
Resolute throughout that history, the Palestinian Arab people forged its national identity, rising even to unimagined levels in its defence are interior, the design of others, and the appeal control.

defence, as invasion, the design of others, and the appeal special to Palestine's ancient and luminous place on that eminence where powers and civilisations are joined... All this intervened thereby to deprive the people of its political independence. Yet the undying connection between Palestine and its people secured for the land its character, and for the people its national gentus.

Nourished by an unfolding series of civilisations and cultures. inspired by a heritage rich in variety and kind, the Palestinian Arab people added to its stature by consolidating a union between itself and its putrimonial Land. The call went out from Temple, Church, and Mosque that to praise the Creator, to celebrate compassion and peace was indeed the message of Palestine. And in generation after ceneration, the Palestinian Arab people gave of itself unsparingly in the valiant battle for liberation and homeland. For what has been the unbroken chain of our people's rebellions but the heroic embodiment of our will for national independence? And so the people was sustained in the struggle to stay and to prevail.

When in the course of modern times a new order of values was declared with norms and values fair for all, it was the Palestinian Arab people that had been excluded from the destiny of all other peoples by a hostile array of local and foreign powers. Yet again had unaided justice been revealed as insufficient to drive the

world's history along its preferred course.

And it was the Palestinian people, already wounded in its body. that was submitted to yet another type of occupation over which floated the falsehood that "Palestine was a land without people," This notion was faisted upon some in the world, whereas in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations (1919) and in the Treaty of Lausanne (1923), the community of nations had recognised that all the Arab territories, including Palestine, of the formerly Ottoman provinces were to have granted to them their freedom as provisionally independent nations.

Despite the historical injustice inflicted on the Palestinian Arah people resulting in their dispersion and depriving them of their right to self-determination, following upon U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 (1947), which partitioned Palestine into two states, one Arab, one Jewish, yet it is this resolution that still provides those conditions of international legitimacy that ensure the right of the Palestinian Arab people to sovereignty and political independence.

By stages, the occupation of Palestine and parts of other Arab territories by Israeli forces, the willed dispossession and expulsion from their ancestral homes of the majority of Polestine's civilian inhabitants was achieved by organised terror; those Palesimans who remained, as a vestige subjugated in its homeland, were persecuted and forced to endure the destruction of their national

Thus were principles of international legitimacy violated. Thus were the Chatter of the United Nations and its resolutions. disfigured, for they had recognised the Palestinian Arab people's national rights, including the right of Return, the right to Independence, the right to sovereignly over territory and home-

In Palestine and on its perimeters, in exile distant and near, the Palestinian Arah people never faltered and never abandoned its conviction in its rights of Return and Independence. Occupation, massacres and dispersion achieved no gain in the unabated Palestinian consciousness of self and political identity, as Palestinians went forward with their destiny, undeterred and unbowed. And from out of the long years of trial in ever-mounting struggle. the Palestinian political identity emerged further consolidated and confirmed ... And the collective Palestinian national will forged for itself a political embodiment, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, its sole legitimate representative, recognised by the world community as a whole, as well as hy related regional and international institutions, Standing on the very rock of conviction in the Palestinian people's inalienable rights, and on the ground of Arab national consensus, and of international legitimacy, the PLO led the campaigns of its great people, moulded into unity and powerful resolve, one and indivisible in its triumphs, even as it suffered massacres and confinement within and without its home. And so Palestinkin resistance was clarified and raised into the forefront of Arab and world awateness, as the struggle of the Palestinian Arah people achieved unique prominence among the world's liberation movements in the modern era.

The massive national uprising, the "intifada", now intensifying in cumulative scope and power on occupied Palestinian territor-les, as well as the unflinching resistance of the refugee camps outside the homeland, have elevated consciousness of the Palestinian truth and right into still higher realms of comprehension and actuality. Now at last the curtain has been dropped around a whole epoch of prevariention and negation. The intifadu has set siege to the mind of official Israel, which has for too long relied exclusively upon myth and terror to deny Palestinian existence altogether. Because of the intifada and its revolutionary irreversible impulse, the history of Palestine has therefore arrived at a decisive juncture.

Whereas the Palestinian people reaffirms most definitively its inalicnable rights in the land of its patrimony:

Now by virtue of natural, and the exercise of those rights historical and legal right and the sacrifices of successive generations who gave of themselves in defence of the freedom and independence of their homeland;

In pursuance of resolutions adopted by Arab Summit Conference and relying on the authority bestowed by international legitimacy as embodied in the resolutions of the United Nations Organisation since 1947:

And in exercise by the Palestinian Arab people of its right to self-determination, political independence; and sovereignty over

The Palestine National Council in the name of God, and in the name of the Palestinian Arab people; hereby proclaims the establishment of the State of Palestine on our Palestinian territory with its capital Jerusalem [Al-Ouds Ash Sharif).

The State of Palestine is the state of Palestinians wherever they may be. The state is for them to enjoy in it their collective national and cultural identity, theirs to pursue in it a complete equality of rights. In it will be safeguarded their political and religious convictions and their human dignity by means of a parliamentary democratic system of governance, itself based on freedom of expression and the freedom to form parties, the rights of minorines will duly be respected by the majority, as minorities must abide by decisions of the majorities. Governance will be based on principles of social justice, equality and non-discrimination in public rights of men or women, on grounds of race. religion, colour or sex under the negis of a constitution which ensures the rule of law and an independent judiciary. Thus shall these principles allow no departure from Palestine's age-old spiritual and civilisational heritage of tolerance and religious co-existence.

The State of Palestine is an Arab state, an integral and indivisible part of the Arab Nation, at one with that nation in heritage and civilisation, with it also in its aspiration for liberation, progress, democracy and unity, the State of Palestine affirms its obligation to abide by the Charter of the League of Arab States, wherehy the coordination of the Arab states with each other shall be strengthened. It calls upon Arab compatnots to consolidate and enhance the emergence in reality of our state, to mobilise potential, and to intensify efforts whose goal is to end Israeli occupation.

The State of Palestine proclaims its commitment to the principles and purposes of the United Nations, and to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 11 proclaims its commitment as well to the principles and policies of the Non-Aligned

It further announces itself to he a peace-loving state, in adherence to the principles of peaceful co-existence. It will join with all states and peoples in order to assure a permanent peace based upon justice and the respect of rights so that humanity's potential for well-heing may be assured, on earnest competition for excellence be maintained, and in which confidence in the future will eliminate fear for those who are just and for whom justice is the only recourse.

In the context of its struggle for peace in the Land of Love and Peace, the State of Palestine calls upon the United Nations to bear special responsibility for the Palestinian Arab people and its homeland. It calls upon all peace-and freedom-loving peoples and states to assist it in the attainment of its objectives, to provide it with security, to alleviate the tracedy of its people, and to help it terminate Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories.

The State of Palestine herewith declares that it believes in the settlement of regional and international disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with the U.N. Charter and resolutions. Without prejudice to its natural right to defend its territorial integrity and independence, it therefore rejects the threat or use of force, violence, and terrorism against its territorial integrity, or political independence, as it also rejects their use against the territorial integrity of other states.

Therefore, on this day unlike all others, Nov. 15, 1988, as we stand at the threshold of a new down, in all honour and modest we humbly bow to the sacred spirits of our fallen ones. Palestinian and Arab, by the purity of whose sacrifice for the homeland our sky has been illuminated and our Land given life. Our hearts are lifted up and irradiated by the light emanating from the much blessed intifada, from those who have endured and have fought the fight of the camps, of dispersion, of exile, from those who have borne the standard of freedom, our children, our aged, our youth, our prisoners, detainees and wounded, all those whose ties to our sacred soil are confirmed in camp, village and town. We render special tribute to that brave Palestinian woman, guardian of sustenance and life, keeper of our people's perennial flame. To the souls of our sainted martyrs, to the whole of our Palesunian Arab people, to all free and honourable peoples everywhere, we pledge that our struggle shall be continued until the occupation ends, and the foundation of our sovereignty and independence shall be fortified accordingly.

Therefore, we call upon our great people to rally to the banner of Palestine, to cherish and defend it, so that it may forever be the symbol of our freedom and dienity in that homeland, which is a homeland for the free, now and always,

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. "Say: 'O God, Master of the Kinedom, Thou givest the Kingdom to whom Thou wilt, and seizest the Kingdom from whom Thou will, Thou exaltest whom Thou wilt, and Thou abasest whom Though wilt; in Thy hand is the good. Thou art powerful over everything."

Sadaga Allahu Al-Azim

# Jackson emerges stronger

By Walter R. Mears The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In the ashes of a lost Democratic presidential campaign. Jesse Jackson heads loward the next one strengthened by new rules and a new role. Next time, Jackson will begin

as the Democrat to neat - which is what somebody almost certainly will do. The odds weigh heavily against the nomination of a black man in 1992, in a party that at times shrank from the word "liberal" during the campaign just ended.

Jackson said he doesn't fear that a liberal can't be elected. "Reaching out, making room, that's liberalism. So the liberal tradition is a proud tradition." he said. "I will not foresake it."

There surely will be ample competition, with Democratic names like Sen. Bill Bradley, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, Sen. Sam Nunn, Sen. Al Gore and congressman Richard Gephardt, Even as Gov. Michael Dukakis conceded his loss to president-elect George Bush his supporters were chanting "ninety-two, ninety-two.

Whatever the field, the stand-

ing Jackson won in 1988 and the rules concessions he gained from Dukakis at the Democratic national convention will make him more formidable next time.

Jackson says it is much too early to talk about 1992 politics. I have not yet made that decision, not even eiven it serious consideration," he said. That at least is the public posture.

## **NEWS ANALYSIS**

Bu! Jackson also said the new political season began on Wednesday, pointing to city elections in 1989, off-year elections in 1991 and congressional reapportionment in 1991, "There's a lot to do, a lot of meaningful work. and I intend to be involved, right in the heart of it," said Jackson.

That involvement flows inexprably toward a third quest for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1992. Jackson's vo- advance ter registration efforts for the Dukakis ticket will pay him di-

vidends, tim. An initial test of his strength in party councils will come early next winter, when the Democratic national committee elects a new chairman, or extends the tenure los a lead role.

of Paul Kirk, who had planned to leave the post but may stay on temporarily for the sake of party peace.

Ron Brown, a Washington lawyer. Jackson's convention manager and a volunteer adviser to Dukakis, expects to seek the chairmanship. At least four other Democrats arg prospective candi-

While Jackson isn't saving so yet, he will be at work for Brown. Jackson affect were named to about a dozen at-large committee seats as part of a fearmony pact with Dukakis at the Democratic convention in Atlanta. One of the new committeemen: Jesse Jackson Jr.

More important, ilelegate selection rules have been amended to Jackson's potential advantage in 1992. In a convention peticemaking deal, the Dukukes camp agreed to rules that will award future nominating votes strictly on the basis of proportional representation of the popular vote

In simplest terms, that reduces the convention clout of officeholders and party leaders who are nut pledged to a candidate in

But presidential campaigning has become all hut permanent. and defeated candidates go offstage quickly. The new Dentoeratic cost will be auditioning before long.

And Jackson will be lonking

# John Sununu: Bush's choice for chief of staff

By Cathering Arnst Reuter

WASHINGTON - Presidentelect Bush reached far outside Washington to pick rightwinger John Sununu, 49-year-old governor of New Hampshire, for the powerful, sensitive post of White House chief of staff.

In so doing, he ignired reports the choice had stirred dissension within his own inner circles and aroused some concern among American Jewish leaders.

Sununu, who is Lebanese on his father's side and stresses his standing as a prominent Arab-American, helped tescue Bush's stumbling presidential cantpaign last February by hacking him in the erucial New Hampshire Republican printary election and managing his campaign there.

Senator Robert Dole was favoured in New Hampshire, coming off a big win in the lowa caucus votes, and a loss for Bush might well have killed his candidacy on the spot.

Instead he won handily, and that Sununu-engineered victory propelled him past all rivals to the Republican nomination. The political experts had not

strength with Republican voters or the organising skills of Sununu, who is renowned both as a dynamic executive and a twofisted fighter of political battles. "His approach is marked by a

demanding, detailed and unrelenting pursuit of results," says New Hampshire's commissioner of transponation, Wallace Stickney. "He defines goals very precisely and analyses problems very clearly.

The whip-eracking approach has not always succeeded in a White House full of delicate egos witness Donald Regan, the gruff boss ousted in the aftermath of the Iran-contra scandal. But it is a Bush priority to put a fresh stamp on this administration and Sununu does represent top leaders talent from outside the Washington establishment.

Speculation he would be chosen for presidential staff chief provoked a spate of news reports senior Bush adviser Craig Fuller. bitterly opposed Sununu precisely because he might he too green and too abrasive for a job that requires smooth liaison with Con-

reckoned on either Bush's gress and other power centres. The chief of staff is the president's administrative righthand man and is central to his key planning.

Shortly before the Sununu appointment was announced, it was reported that Fuller had decided to return to private life when Bush was maugurated in January because the only government job he had wanted was the one Sununu got.

Sununu appeared to have sought that job with the single-mindedness that is his hallmark. His goal over the past year has heen getting Bush, as the best available exemplar of Sununu's own conservatism, elected president. Accordingly, he decided not to seek a fourth term as governor in the November 8 election in order to devote full time to Bush's presidential campaign.

Sununu is known for taking controversial stands.

Last year he refused to join the that some key aides, including other 49 state governors in sign united Nations resolution that equates Zionism with racism -a stand that has stirred some annie ty in U.S. Jewish circles.

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# The Hijaz Railway steaming ahead with revival dreams

By Ghadeer Taher Special to the Jordan Times

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A CLOUD of steam crystallises into ice in the winter air; the imparient chug of a bissing engine mingles with the strange sounds of the endless sand dunes of the desert: an air horn produces a pleasant yet undefinable musical melody cutting across the clickety-clack of wheels on steel; the rasp of wagon couplings as they turn a sbarp bend. Imaginations turn vivid and minds are transported into a new world of memories of an old world.

In this era of super-fast trains that compete with airlines, there still lingers a mysterious attraction to steam trains, particularly as the number of operative steam locomotives around the world shrinks. Perhaps the explanation lies in the link that they represent - of the modern era with a not-too-distant past, now rosied hy nostalgia.

Jordan, one of the live or six countries that still boast of an operative steam train system that dates back to the turn of the century, is striving to take advantage of the full tourism potential of its Hijaz Railway, which serves as a reminder of the nature of the land, its history and people.

Driving along the main Amman-Marka road to the old airport, we come across the landmark railway overbridge, which, by coincidence or design, carries a large advertisement for Royal Jordanian. A little further, after labouring up the steep slope, if we look back we can see a strange assortment of old steam engines and wagons with a forlorn look --the nerve centre of what used to be part of the great railway linking Syria with Saudi Arabia. If those locomotives could speak, they could fill a whole library with works on Arab history and the rise and fall of the Ottoman empire, which once stretched from Istanbul to Mecca, and the will of the Muslim World in bringing a dream to realisation. In line with the changing times, the Hijaz Railway Corporation a name closely associated with

Jordan's history - has woken up to the reemerging fascination with rail and is slowly gearing up to what could be a boon to the tourism industry of the Kingdom. The corporation launched its tourism promotion drive three years ago and slowly accelerated its effort to encompass foreign tourists in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and private tour operators as part of the innovative tourism that is slowly taking root in the Kingdom.

Historical links

according to Abdullah Jazi,

Director General of the corpora-

A brief review of the history of the railway underlines the unbreakable links it bas with the beginning of the end of the Ottoman empire which controlled a major part of the Arabian Peninsula at the turn of the century. There are conflicting versions of how the idea of a railway line lioking Damascus with the Red Sea was conceived. While some historians attribute it to one Dr. Zimble, a German-American, full credit for implementing the project is given to Izzat Pasha A! Abed, a Syrian Arab, who was a close aide to the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid, and to generous contributions from the Muslim World, which saw a great dream coming true with the realisation

of the project. It was in September 1900 that the sultan announced plans to build 1,303-kilometre telegraph and railway line from Damascus to Medina in the Hijaz. History records that the original scheme envisaged extending the line to Mecca and possibly to a port in the Red Sea but work was stalled mainly due to political changes in

Turkey. The main purpose behind building the line appears to be two-folded. It was not only a great contribution to the pilgrimage flow to Medina and Mecca but also afforded the Ottoman rulers rapid movement of their armies to western Arabia without having to go through Egyptian waters. It took 40 to 50 days on camel back to reach Medina from Damascus, and 10 to 15 days from Syria to the Hijaz by sea.

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way line, the travel time was cut down to less than three days.

The Ottomans received considerable contributions from the Muslim World towards constructing the line in response to a call Sultan Abdul Hamid who highlighted the religious advantages of having such a project.

By completion in the year 1908, the project is said to have cost slightly less than four million Ottoman gold lira — about \$32 million those days. It is interesting to note that limb considera-

off portions of it and rendering on the line. other parts unrepairable in a bid

destroyed in these attacks. In April 1917, efforts to repair the damages were given up and all operations along the line from Maan to Medina were aban-

legendary British officer came to was again called off because of be known, used to lead small economic considerations. That bands of desert warriors in appears to the last time when any attacks on the railwayline, cutting serious practical work was done

ldeas of rebuilding the railway to harass the Turks and impede have however been raised on their troop movements. About numerous occasions since then. 100 kilometres of the line were But suggestions remained firmly on paper, mostly because of Arab preoccupations with the end of the colonial era and the subsequent oil boom. Ironically, one of the main reasons seen behind the doned. When the war ended, the lack of any movement in reviving

10,000 tonnes.

Jazi points out that it is about 25 to 30 per ceot cheaper for cargo movers to use the railway in moving goods from Syria to Jordan than for them to use lorries. He also notes that the time consumed at the Syrian-Jordanian borderposts is cut down to about six to seven hours while it takes over 24 hours by road. The corporation operates an average of two to three freight trains every

At present, the corporation owns four steam engines of 1050 horsepower each - built in the early 1950s — and five diesel engines of 950 horsepower each - built in 1976. It has about 250 wagons, including 50 with a payload capacity of 15 tonnes each, 99 with 30-tonne capacity, and 81 with 10-tonne capacity, in addition to eight passenger coaches with 30 to 35 seat capacity each.

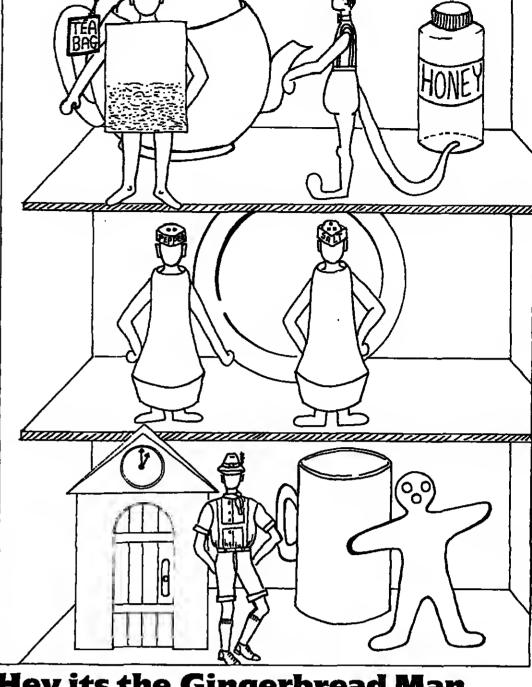
Jazi noted with pride that the corporation's inventory boasts of the royal coach which carried Prince Abdullah 1bn Al Hussein, the grandfather of His Majesty King Hussein, from Saudi Arabia to Maan in 1920. "That coach, as well as all our wagons and other coaches, are still in a fairly good condition," Jazi said, "If need be, refurbishing and refurnishing could be done to make the passenger coaches more attractive to tourists," he said, and recalled an occasion last year when a single passenger hired the corporation's services and paid about JD 500 for a short trip through the de-

In fact, a closer look at the corporation's coaches reminds one of a historical museum, and it is a wonder that how they still remain in service. But then, one has to pay tribute to the engineering skills of those who built them.

According to Jazi, the Hijaz Railway Corporation, which employs about 200 people of various cadres, does not rely on any government support for its operations, managing to break even on its revenues and expenses. "We are not really seeking profits. Jazi added

The corporation's main customers are tour operators and hotels which bring in tourists with the added attraction of a steam train ride through the desert thrown io as part of a tour

For more reasons than one, plans for rebuilding the railway and realising the goal of ao opera-tive network that could possibly be the Asian part of an intercontinental line appear to be des tined to remain in paper for some time to come, largely because of



# Hey its the Gingerbread Man

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prize. All entries must be returned to the Jordan Times by Dec. 1, 1988. The judges will award prizes to the best entries in the 5 years and under group and to the 6 to 11 year old group. The winners will be announced in the Jordan Times issue of Dec. 10. All entries will be displayed in the foyer of the Royal Cultural Centre for the duration of the show which runs from Dec. 17 through to Dec. 22.

The inside of one of the original Hijazi rail cars tion was given to possible alterdamaged part was rebuilt only up the idea of an inter-Arab railway to Maan, which today remains network is shortage of finance.

nate routes for the railway line since logic dictated that the line should follow the old camel caravan path, which afforded water supply and camping sites along the trek.

A total of about 5.700 Turkish soldiers and officers, in addition to an unknown number of bedouin, were involved in the construction of the project under a German engineer, Meissner, and 43 other engineers of various nationalities.

Formidable problems

According to historical records, the major problem encountered in the building of the line was scarcity of water. A German engineer wrote in 1906, six years into the project, that "the further the railroad extends into the desert in the direction of Medina, the greater the lack of But that was not enough. There were added problems related to the supply of food and fuel, sand drifts, unruly labourers who wilted under the scorching desert sun and, more often that not, theft of wood sleepers, which were excellent firewood for the bedouin.

Against all these odds, work continued on the project and the line was completed as far as Medina by September 1908. The Ottoman rulers, however, did not expect the trouble that came from within their own ranks and which was to throw a spanner in the works of the planned extension to

In April 1909, the "Young Turks" overthrew Sultan Abdul Hamid. The toppling of the ruler, coupled with the local, commercially inspired opposition of camel caravan operators who had found themselves deprived of the lucrative income from Turkish pilgrims using their services to reach Mecca, signalled an end to all further plans of expanding the line from Medina to Mecca.

Al Hussein Ibn Ali, Sherif of Mecca, is said to have backed strongly the idea of extension but political undercurrents in the Ottoman capital laid his dream

Strictly speaking, the railway operated only for the short period between 1908 and the beginning of World War I in 1914. Three trains ran weekly in either direction - the trip from Damascus to Medina took from two and a half to three days. Non-Muslims were banned from travelling beyond Maan without government per-

When Turkey chose to side with Germany in World War I, it was also a turning point for the railway in that the Turkish move heralded destruction.

## Rebuilding plans

the terminus of the line.

The Muslim World revived the idea of rebuilding the line in 1935. King 1bn Saud of Saudi Arabia and the government of Syria took the lead and allocated funds for the project, but the French colonial power, wittingly or unwittingly, undermined the plan by ousting the Syrian parlia-

In the mid-1950s, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria again, adjacent to the Marka railway sought to revive the project. A station. contract for a feasibility study was awarded to an American company but for some unexplaine reason the contract was can-

Again, in 1965, a British firm was awarded a £15 million project - sbared equally by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Jordao and Syria - to construct the line. A 115-kilometre stretch between Maan and the Saudi Arabian border was reconstructed in addition to another 15 kilometres

#### estimated at about \$3.2 billion, according to some reports. "The idea is still very much

Today, the Hijaz Railway Corporation's activities are limited to taking tourists and Jordanian schoolchildren on outings and transporting cargo between Syria and Jordan.

A meeting was held among

representatives of Syria, Jordan

and Saudi Arabia in 1983 and it

was agreed that each country

would shoulder the cost of "its

portion of the line" but no con-

crete steps were taken to realise

the project, whose cost was then

alive as far as Jordan concerned,"

said Hijaz Railway's Jazi, speak-

ing in an interview with the Jor-

dan Times this week at his office

Limited activities

According to Jazi, over 20,000 fun-seekers, schoolchildren as well as tourists, used the railway the coormity of the costs inin 1987 while the total amount of volved. But it is a dream that targo the corporation handled in refuses to die.

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# **OPEC** continues to pressure Iraq, Iran to agree oil output

VIENNA (R) - OPEC mediators were working realistic. against the clock Saturday to heal a rift over oil output between Iran and Iraq, but prospects of a deal being struck before Monday's meeting of all 13 group nations looked bleak.

As negotiations moved into a third day, there were signs some producers might be ready to acknowledge a recent sharp fall in oil prices and propose cutting the organisation's target price by \$3 a barrel to \$15.

Three moderate producers, 1ndonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela, are searching for a formula to hring arch-rivals Iran and Iraq together, an essential first step if OPEC is to forge a new accord to cut output and reverse the workdwide price slide.

OPEC Secretary-General Subroto gave no hint of a breakthrough Saturday when asked about mediation efforts.

We are working on it," he told reporters. "Everybody is interested in arriving at an agree-

And Iran's Oil Minister Gho-

Agency (C1A) has reported.

and made available to reporters

this week. The bandbook said

calculations were in terms of

actual purchasing power, not cur-

The CIA calculated the total

production of 243.8 million

Americans in 1987 was worth

\$4,436 trillion, while 284 million Soviets produced only \$2,375 tril-

lamreza Aqazadeh, asked if progress had been made, retorted: 'Not at all.'

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has launched a major effort to solve the Iran-Iraq row, which for two years has undermined its efforts to bolster oil prices.

Iran has rejected Iraqi demands to pump the same amount of oil under OPEC's productionsharing system. Iraq in turn has boycotted deals, triggering resentment and growing indiscipline among other producers now

openly flouting quotas. Deadlock has sent prices for some OPEC Middle East crudes

skidding below \$10 and delegates said some producers were now ready to concede that a reference price of \$18 per barrel, in force since late 1986, was no longer

The average American also longer than in the United States. on average - 78 years in Japan.

The CIA handbook says its information on communist-ruled countries comes from official data, its own estimates or estimates made by other organisa-

as much as Soviets WASHINGTON (AP) — The lion worth.

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average American earned \$18,200 last year compared with lives longer: 75 years to 69 for the the equivalent of \$8.362 for the average Soviet, according to the average citizen of the Soviet Un- CIA. Some other oldsters last ion, the Central Intelligence Figures were given in the CIA's 77 in Italy, Holland and Canada. "Handbook of Economic Statisand 76 in France and West Gertics — 1988," dated September

> Average U.S. income was also greater than in any other of the Group of Seven 1G-7) industrial

# U.N. calls for more financial aid to Africa

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The U.N. General Assembly urged governments Friday to increase efforts on agriculture and supfinancial aid to Africa, whose despite a recovery programme launched by the world body two years ago.

That programme called for an estimated \$9 billion a year from external sources through 1990 with the African nations responsi-ble for \$82.5 billion for the

Endorsing by consensus a report following a mid-term review of the programme, the General domestic product to overseas de-

It recommended that the African states concentrate recovery porting sectors, including investment in appropriate technology, research and development.

Chief U.S. delegate Lieutenant General Vernon Walters said Africa was at the beginning of a reform process and it had farther to go before some of the key determinants of growth were in place, such as a return of flight capital, mobilisation of domestic entrepreneurship and attracting foreign investors.

The Reagan administration has been urging the African states to Assembly proposed that states move away from excessive govallocate 0.7 per cent of gross ernmental involvement in the economy and to release greater private enterprise.

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"OPEC will study a proposal to slash its official price of \$18 per barrel by S3 for the next six the Kuwait News months. Agency (KUNA) said in a report Saturday attributed to senior Gulf oil sources.

But oil market analysts believe even \$15 is not a realistic target and are widely predicting a crash to as low as \$5 if OPEC fails to mend its deep divisions.

The original plan was to forge an agreement hetween Iran and Iraq before Monday's meeting. but delegates said that was looking increasingly unlikely with neither side ready to back down. "Both parties are absolutely inflexible and they are not going to give in," said a senior oil analyst monitoring the talks.

Going hand in hand with mediation efforts are implicit threats from OPEC's most powerful nation, Saudi Arabia. that it will flood the oil market if the group does not reunite.

'Saudi Arabia is ready to see crude at \$5 a barrel... they are not trying to engineer it but are prepared for it to happen," the analyst said,

"The Saudis feel the market needs short-term pain for longterm gain," he added.

Saudi Arabia has already stepped up its production to about 6,35 million barrels per day, two million above its permitted OPEC quota, but reiterated its position that it would stick to any new deal if other OPEC nations

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA), monitored in Bahrain. quoted a "responsible source" as saying Rivadh had not been the first to violate its quota.

Several formulae for bringing Iran and fraq together have been floated. The most often cited involves oil produced in the 'Neutral Zone." a strip of desert between Saudi Arabia and

Output of about 300,000 barrels per day from the zone was sold on behalf of Iraq by the two Gulf producers in support of its war effort against Iran, but since August's ceasefire OPEC has been deliberating on what to do

One proposal is that Iraq be given what on the face of it would appear to be a lower OPEC quota that Iran, but that an allocation of, say, 100,000 barrels a day from the Neutral Zone would restore this to effective parity.

It remains unclear, however, if this compromise would be acceptable to either Tehran or Saudi Arabia issued a state-

ment Saturday reiterating its desire for an OPEC accord that would stabilise the oil market for

The statement, earried by SPA, quoted an unidentified offieial as stressing that the kingdom would follow any agreement by the oil ministers of OPEC as long as the other 12 OPEC members followed suit.

"We repeat and affirm what the kingdom declared in more than one official statement that it is fully ready to abide by what will be decided in the Nov. 21 meeting on condition that all members of the organisation abide by it fully and decisively, and that work continues with what is agreed upon for two or three years to achieve the kind of stability required by producers and consumers alike," said the state-

The official quoted said the statement was meant to douse persistent attempts by the foreign media to make the kingdom the 'scapegoat" for the deteriorating situation on the world oil market.

Saudi Arabia has reiterated over the past year that it rejects the swing producer role and should not be asked to sacrifice oil revenue while other OPEC nations are not taking any steps to buoy oil prices.

As swing producer, the world's largest oil exponer lowered its output when other OPEC partners exceeded theirs to maintain the level required to defend the benchmark price.

SPA's report noted Saudi Arabia has been forced to borrow this year to cover a projected 35.8 billion rival (\$9.5 billion) budget deficit, and that the kingdom's output has progressively dropped from a high of 10 million barrels per day to the present 4.3 million

# China's oil exports forecast lower

PEKING (R) - China's crude oil April. OPEC members failed to exports will fall in 1988 for the third consecutive year because of low world prices and stagnant production which cannot keep pace with domestic demand. Western analysis have predicted.

China has pledged not to increase exports in its unwritten cooperation with OPEC.

"China hopes OPEC and non-OPEC members can stabilise oil prices on the international market... we hope we can keep our own level of exports stable," a spokesman for state-owned China National Petroleum Corpora-

He denied Western and Chinese reports that Peking had called for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC members.

China was one of six non-OPEC members to propose a five per cent cut in its exports last

agree on their own oulput curbs and the deal fell through.

According to official figures, China's exports in September fell to 2.17 million tonnes from 2.56 million in August and 2.57 million in September, 1987.

"A Western diplomat pre-dicted 1988 total exports would fall slightly short of the 27 million tonnes sold last year.
"Exports will fall for the third

straight year." he said. China's sales on the world market peaked at about 30 million tonnes in 1985 and fell to 28.5 million in 1986.

A Western oil executive in Peking quoted Chinese officials as saying China would cut back further early next year because current world prices were too low at around \$13 a barrel.

China's overheated economy is thirsty for oil and diplomats say exports had to fall anyway.

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# Arab bankers discuss challenge from Western financial giants

ABU DHABI (R) - More than hank mergers across Arab coun-100 Arab hankers mel in Ahu Dhabi Saturday to discuss ways to counter the domination of Western banks.

"We are living in a world where banking bloes dominate the scene and where small banks cannot survive." Adnan Al Hindi. secretary-general of the Beirut-based Arab Banking Union, told Reuters. He said the three-day confer-

ence would consider the possibility of mergers among the nearly 55 Arab banks.

be successful in many Arab states

tries to face the world banking giants," he said.

Hindi said the Arah banking system was expected to come under more competition in 1992. when members of the European Community (EC) are due to integrale their stnancial and economic systems.

"We already have banking bloes in the United States and Japan," he said. "Soon we will have a new strong hanking group in West Europe. I think this should motivate us to work for

priority of this administration,

Morning America.

Sununu said on ABC's "Good

out there," he said, "It is a

"There is a little nervousness

"Bank mergers have proved to essection in many Arab states but what is more important are but what is more important are

should include Western banks. We should keep in touch with their help to develop our ser-

Bankers attending the conference enneeded that Arah banks were dwarfed by Western banks in the scope and style of their

Arab banks lagged behind in consultancy services, foreign currency dealings and investment portfolio advice. they said.

handling of management."

named key aides quickly.

Hindi said: "What is adding to

confrontation with Western the problem (of Arab Banks) is "On the contrary, cooperation falling oil revenues."

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Total Arab bank deposits fell 10 \$174.3 billion in 1987 from them, adopt from them and seek \$197.1 billion in 1986, according to Arab Banking Union figures.

Hindi said the weakness of the Arab hanking system and restrictions in some Arab states led governments and individuals to invest in Western countries.

He estimated that Arab government and private investment abroad, mostly in the United States and West Europe, totalled 5327 billion. Individual investments were not known, he said

## Brady sees no rise in interest rates, is unworried by dollar said he believed Bush was ready situation that requires a strong to take the action needed to trim

WASHINGTON (R) — Treasury knows that strong leadership in Secretary Nicholas Brady said dealing with the deficit is the first Friday he is not worned by the weakness of the dollar and U.S. stock prices since George Bush's election and he sees no sign that U.S. interest rates will rise.
"I don't see anything in the

figures right now that would indicate that the interest rates are going to rise," Brady said on NBC's "Today" programme, Brady also said concerns in the

financial markets about the resolve of President-elect Bush to deal with the federal budget deficit were "overblown."

The U.S. currency, which has fallen sharply since the Nov. 8 election on concerns about the trade and hudget deficits, has firmed in the last two days as the major central banks bought dollars in the open market Thursday and Friday.

"I don't really worry about it very much." Brady said.

Some foreign exchange traders were surprised by Brady's remarks and said they may have helped weaken the currency rather than strengthen it.

"It was strange for Brady to say he was unconcerned about the dollar when central banks have iried for two days to prop il up. said one dealer.

The comments were counterproductive," said a chief dealer at another U.S. bank.

Immediately after Friday's central bank dollar-buying, the currency jumped up to about 1.745. Deutschemarks and 123.20 Japanese yen, but soon subsided to around 1.7375 marks and 122.75 ven in midmorning New York trading.

Recent indicators showing stronger-than-expected growth in the economy and the slide in the dollar since the presidential election have recently heightened concerns in financial markets that interest rates may snon be nudged higher to protect against

the threat of higher inflation. The discount rate, the rate at which the Federal Reserve lends money to commercial banks, is currently 6.5 per cent, while the prime rate, the rate at which hanks lend to their preferred corporate clients, now stands at 10 per cent.

Asked whether Bush would rule out further excise taxes as well as higher income taxes, Brady recalled Bush's clear pledge "read my lips: no more taxes.

Brady said, "I presume that means exactly what he said." The treasury secretary said the nation's economic growth was sleady but rising, while unemployment was at an acceptable

Brady said he was confident that Bush's plan to reduce the deficil through a flexible freeze on spending would succeed.
"I'm confident that things will work out just fine," he said.

He also said Bush was working quickly to assemble his team of economic advisers, but said the markets needed to give him a bit more time to finish the job.

Separately, Bush's new chiefof-staff-designate, John Sununu, said the president-elect's quick selection of advisers should assure markets that he will provide strong leadership on cutting the budget deficit.

"I think the world can feel comfortable that George Bush

## MANY VILLAS AND APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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Abdoun and many other locations.

Bush Friday won a pledge of cooperation from Democratic not discuss specifics. House Speaker Jim Wright, who

Wright said the two men did is board sen and preside

the huge U.S. federal budget

# Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

He said that was why Bush

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summatises trading activities at the Animan Financial Market during the week starting Saturday. Nov. 12. '88 and ending Wednesday Nov. 16, '88, (Figures in Jordanian dinars),

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
Banking and financial insti	tutions	•			
Industrial Development Bank	43950	72489	1.610	1.640	1.000
Petra Bank	64186	154940	2.37U	2,390	000,1
Jordan Islamic Bank		6995	1.900	1.900	1,000
Jordan Kuwait Bank		100348	1.550	t.5711	1,000
Jordan Gulf Bank		19902	1.360	1,300	1.000
Housing Bank		57010	1,940	1.960	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank		10975	2.270	2,320	1,000
Cairo Amnan Bank		~-	_	_	5.000
Bank of Jordan		53804	16,270	16.600	5.000
		887539	144,000	143.250	10.000
Arab Banklordan National Bunk		168762	2.770	2.760	1,000
Jordan Finance House for Development		176542	1.220	1.230	1.001
		136698	2,390	2.410	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation		89861	0.580	0.580	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation		1687041	2.250	2.350	1.000
•		164027	0.880	0.890	1.000
National Partiolio Securities		119177	2.110	2,210	1.000
Arah Finance Corporation (Jordan1		2112	0.780	0.870	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation		381	15.500	15.250	2.00
Real Estate Financing Corporation			13.500	13.500	10.000
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Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	300	378	1.260	1.260	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	MOU	1426	1.400	1.440	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance	335	335	1.010	1.000	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	11495	11306	0.980	000.1	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance			_	_	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	_	_			1.000
General Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	_	_	_	_	10.000
Middle East Insurance	_	_	_	_	10.000
National Ahliya Insurance	260n	3508	1,360	1.340	1,00
Arah Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	_	_	_	_	1.000
United Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.000
Universal Insurance	15575	11776	0.800	0.75(1	1.000
Services and industries					

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Inma for Investment and Financial Facilities	2000	(380)	0.720	0.680	1,000
Darco for Housing and Investment	165628	109821	0.670	0.650	1.000
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Jordan Leasing Corporation	£2301			_	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	57204	12008	11.710	0.710	1,000
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International Contracting & Investment	_	_	_	_	ממוניו
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Jordan Press and Publishing	500	1025	2.150	2.050	1,000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	78050	53745	0.7tu	0.680	1.000
Jordan Dairy	1 (66)	11978	1.100	080.1	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	24628	60832	2.490	2.450	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	205(8)()	290019	1.420		1.000
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Arab Chemical Detergent Industries		25113	1.450	1.410	1.000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	150	670	4,5(N)	4.450	1.000
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Aladdin Industries	82 <b>18</b> 5	115332	1.410	1.410	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manulacturing	165028	33353h	2.000	2.020	1.600
Jordan Worsted Mills	500	2500	4.830	5.000	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	6156S	103569	1.630	1.730	1.000
Chemical Industries	101800	201327	1.920	1.980	.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	41727	30460			1.000
Dar Al Dawa' lur Development and Investment	56997	128872	0.760	11,750	1.000
National Steel Industries	69870	208297	2.330	2.220	
Universal Chemical Industries	69668		2.980	2.960	1.000
General Mining	0.000	136703	1.930	2.000	5,000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	7077	. –			1,000
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Jordan Lime & Brick	504552	121435	0.220	0.240	1.000
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Arab Paper Converting and Trading	6598	2369	0.380	0.350	1,000
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Livestock and Poultry		201277	1.540	1.650	1.500
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	129522	400-4	_	_	1,810
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Jurdan Paper and Cardboard		750	0.750	0.750	1.000
Jordan Rickwool Industries	761	2812	3.800	3.700	1,000
Jordan Rockwood Industries	94/997	87155	0.900	0.890	1,000
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Orient Dry Batteries Factory		_	_		
Woolen Industries	34730		_		1,000
Jordan Tanning		28975	0.860	0.840	1.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging	359	722	1.950	2.010	5.000
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Arab Center for Pharmaccuticals & Chemicals	_	-	_		
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	128702	. –	-		1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving		145458	1.140	1.140	1 000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	92420	89649	0.980	0.960	1,000
Jordan Cement Factorics	99890	266889	2.900		1,000
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LONDON (R) - British boxing authorities are pressing the World Boxing Council (WBC) to set a Dec. 31 deadline for 86 according heavyweight campion Mike Tyson to agree a date for his often-postponed defence against Frank Bruno. The British Boxing Board of

Control (BBBC) has also asked the WBC to seoteh rumours that Tyson might fight Brazil's Adilson Rodrigues in Rio de Janeiro before he meets the British title challenger.

We have asked the WBC to give Tyson until Dec. 31 to agree a date for his defence against Bruno and to insist that the fight takes place before March 31," BBBC Secretary John Morris said Friday.

"We have told them we want confirmation of their convention decision of two weeks ago that Tyson must not only make a mandatory defence against Bruno but that he must not fight any-body else before Bruno," Morris added.

"There are rumours of a fight with Rodrigues as part of the Rio festival early next year. That cannot be allowed.

The board sent a telex message to WBC president Jose Sulaiman pressing Bruno's claim. Morris said. The title fight, originally scheduled for last month in London, has been postponed four times hecause of a series of injuries to Tyson.

They included a hand injury sustained in a street brawl and concussion from a car accident.

A dispute between promoter Don King and Tyson's manager Bill Cayton, over a promotional ported to have signed with King, said,



Tyson shows off bis injured hand

has held up the setting of a new date for the fight which Bruno's camp have now agreed will be held in the United States.

We are getting very, very concerned about the continuing delays," Morris said. Now it seems the fight may go back even further because of Tyson's man-

agerial problems." But Morris admitted that the British board had no muscle to back up its pleas to the WBC as it would not ask for Tyson to be stripped of his title if he failed to

fight Bruno by March 31.
"Stripping Tyson would not help Frank. Fighting him is the best way for our man to make a fortune, so a vacant title and elimination contests to find a new agreement the champion is re- champion wouldn't help," Morris

## **GOREN BRIDGE**

BY CHARLES GOREN ANO OMAR SHARIF

' WEEKLY BRIDGE OUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you ±AQ952 ♥73 ♦A82 ±K95 The bidding has proceeded: West North East Sooth Pass 2 + Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you ±AQ952 ♥73 ↑A82 ±K95 auction has proceeded: North East Soath West Pass 2 Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.3-As South vulnerable, you **★A0952** ♥ K95 ♦ 73 **★** K82 The bidding has proceeded: Sooth West North East Pass 2 Pass

What do you bid now? Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South you

**★AK98542** ♥95 ♦ AQ103 **★** 

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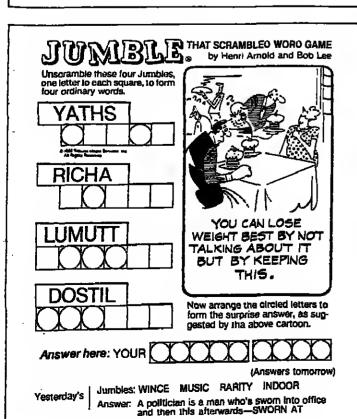
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THE BETTER HALF. **By Harris** HARRIS

> "I have a cousin in the Pentagon who says he can get me a tank dirt cheap! So watch your step!"



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### SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Soviets lead in chess Olympiad

SALONIKA (R) — The Soviet Union maiotained a lead of one and a half points after the fifth round of the men's chess Olympiad Friday even though Iceland's Johannes Hjartsson held world champion Gary Kasparov to a draw. The Soviet Union were expected to increase their lead Saturday after playing an adjourned game against Iceland. In other matches, second seeds England beat third round leaders Romania, and third seeds Hungary beat Bulgaria. England and Hungary were in second equal position. Ninib seeded Sweden moved into fourth place after winning their clash with Scandinavian neighbours Denmark. Bulgaria dropped to fifth place.

## Schlesser takes pole at Sandown

SYDNEY (R) - Frenchman Jean-Louis Schlesser, driving a Mercedes, took pole position in qualifying Saturday for Sunday's final race of the 1988 world sportscar ehampionship at Sandown park in the suburbs of Sydney. The Jaguar team and its leading driver, Martin Brundle of Britain, have already won the construetors' and drivers' titles respectively.

Ski races rescheduled

FRANCE (AP) - Season opening world cup ski races, set to open here in less than a week, have been rescheduled for lack of snow, organisers announced Saturday. The men's and women's super-giant slalom races, originally scheduled for Nov. 26-27, now are reset for Schladming, Austria on the same days. Also, two giant slalom races, originally set for Nov. 24-25, have been rescheduled for Nov. 29-30 at the French station. The changes were made after an inspection of the slopes by the International Skiing Federation representative, Heinz Schweingruber.

# 4 barred after competing in S. Africa

CHICAGO (AP) — Three track and field athletes and a sports organiser, all from the United States, have been barred indefinitely from all competition because they puricipated in a series of track meets in South Africa.

The Athletics Congress (TAC), the governing body for U.S. Track and Field, imposed the suspensions Friday for hoth national and international competition on long jumper Tyrus Jefferson, distance runner Ray Wieksell, pole vaulter Tom Hintnaus and organiser Dick Tom-

TAC also agreed to hold hearings next month in California for 11 others who took part in the unsanctioned tour.

Jefferson placed third at this vear's U.S. championships in the long jump. Wicksell is a U.S. citizen living in Willondale, Ontario. Hintnaus, who has U.S. and Brazilian citizenship, resides

None of the four individuals ting a written request for an was in attendance when the panel appeal. decided their cases.

TAC also disclosed that another participant in the South African events was Skip Robinson, a coach whose name was submitted to the organisation by the Asso-ciation of Couches of California Community Colleges.

"Because we just recently learned he went along on a tour, we didn't have time to officially bring bim before the National Athletics Board of Review for a hearing," said Richard Hollander of Virginia, the hoard's chairman.

Hollander, along with TAC President Leroy Walker and Frank Greenburg, TAC's execulive vice president, comprised the panel that voted on the suspensions and hearings Friday at a hotel near O'Hare International Airport,

Hollander said the four can appeal the suspensions by submit-

# FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1988

# YOUR HOROSCOPE

- As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

Morning disagreements crop up. There is an unharnessed, impulsive energy which can waste time and efflexible to others' ideas. It's not a good time to start new projects.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The scattered interests of others is a roadblock to organizing your own personal interests. Resign yourself to tow key activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Plans for the boliday are up in the
air. Take action today to firm up ar-

rangemsots. Controversy ovar finances will be amicably resolved. GEMINI (May 21 to Joos 21) A short trip is oecessary to complete plans. You set the spotlight on a

future romance. A floundering rela-tionship is set straight. MOON CHILDREN (Jooe 22 to Jul. 21! You are in the eya of tha hurricane. Everything is peaceful and quiet. Plan your week out to-day. Ask others for help.

LEO (Jol. 22 to Aug. 21) You lead

a merry chase after a romantic in-terest. Plan an alternative activity if you are left in s lurch. Now is a fsvorobls time for traveling. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Your

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: frustrated affection. Your need for independence is misuderstood. A wish will be granted. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Rest

> to lia down on the job. Preoccupation with personal plans and new romantic adventures tires you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your sex appeal is at a high point.

Someone tricky may appear on the scene. A touchy situation results. It is oot a good time to break ground. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 2I) Let this day roll along oo its

own. Listen to reason if others disagree. Consider your words and how they affect other peopls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Others look to you to lead the way.

Make good use of your morning.

Today is tailor-made for social
gatherings. Cook a gournet dinner.

AQUARIUS Jao. 2I to Feb. 19) If a confession is in order, make a clean breast of a hidden issue. You

learn a lot about love, romance and sensuality. Focus on basic issues. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Asking others for help can lighten the day's work and finish an overload of tasks. Extra time should be

devoted to sports or nature.

# THE Daily Crossword by William P. Baxley



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# Arsenal cuts Norwich lead

LONDON (R) — Arsenal cut Norwich's lead at the top of the English First Division to two points Saturday when they cruised to an impressive 3-0 victory over Middlesbrough while the leaders were held to a 1-1 draw at struggling Everton.

once in each half as the North beaten sequence to 12 league and cup matches with a comfortable win over promoted Middles-brough at Highbury. England midfielder David Rocastle hit Arsenal's third in the final mi-

Norwieh, badly missing their central striker Robert Rosario, produced all the constructive football at Goodison Park, but failed to clinch all three points despite taking a 62nd minute lead through striker Maleolm Allen.

Everion equalised 12 minutes after Allen had struck with a brave header when England midfielder Trevor Steven scored with a 74th minute penalty.

Norwich stayed clear at the top with 28 points from 13 games, but the draw cost them their remarkable 100 per cent record in away matches in the First Division. Arsenal, in second place, moved

Arsenal

Everton

Millwall

Wimbledon

Luton

Aston Villa

Manchester United

Nottingham Forest

Striker Paul Merson scored on to 26 points from 12 games. Promoted Millwall moved up Londoners extended their un- to third on 23 points with a convincing 4-0 win against bottom-of-the-table Newcastle who dropped Brazilian international striker Mirandhinha for the first

Goals by central defender Alan

McLeary, his first of the season, midfielder Terry Hurlock and Irish International strikers Tony Cascarino and Kevin O'Callaghan left Newcastle rooted at the bottom. Nottingham Forest, who were

involved in a elassic 3-3 draw with West Ham last weekend, were brought down to earth when they were held to a 0-0 bome draw by Coventry.

**SOCCER RESULTS** 

Wimbledon, strongly criticised in recent weeks for their poor disciplinary record and abrasive style of play, remain in trouble at the foot of the table after a I-1 home draw with South London rivals Charlton.

Charlton ahead after 46 minutes hut John Fashanu, dropped in the morning, but recalled when fellow-striker Terry Gibson reported unfit, scrambled a 72nd minute equaliser for Wimbledon.

In Scotland, Glasgow Rangers were held to a goalless draw at Dundee and had their lead at the top of the premier division cut hack to two points.

Rangers are now on 25 points. only two ahead of Aberdeen. who beat Motherwell 2-1.

Defending champions Glasgow Celtic maintained their push with a 1-0 win over Hibernian, lifting them to joint third position with Dundee United on 19 points.

Scottish international striker Frank McAvennie missed a penalty, but scored a fine individual goal for Celtic 10 secure the points.

Paul McStay was brought down in the penalty box four minutes before the interval. McAvennie failed with the spot kick but he gave the Hibernian goalkeeper no chance when he struck the winner early in the second half

### ENGLISH DIVISION ONE Middlesbrough Derby Norwich West Ham Southampton

#### Queen's Park Rangers Liverpool Chariton

Newcastle

Coventry

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION Aberdeen Motherwell Celtic Hibernian Dundee Rangers Hamilton St. Mirren Dundee Uoited Hearts

## W. GERMAN FIRST DIVISION

St. Pauli Bayer Uerdingen Cologne Nuremberg Eintracht Frankfurt Kaiserslautern Bochum VFB Stuttgart Karlsruhe

Waldheim Mannheim 1 Bayern Munich Stuttgart Kickers Hanover Werder Bremeo Hamburg SV Borussia Dortmund Bayer Leverkusen Borussia Moenchengladhach

# Sukova upsets Navratilova

NEW YORK (Agencies) -Helena Sukova dealt Martina Navratilova the crowning blow of a disappointing year when she toppled the former world oumber one 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of \$1 million women's

The athletes were suspended

because they chose to compete in

a country whose membership in

the international amateur athletic

federation has been suspended.

The IAAF look the suspension

action in 1975 hecause of South

from press clippings and informa-

tion we received that the 16 per-

sons had been involved in a series

of meets that also had been ban-

ned by the IAAF," Hollander

the hearing date in the Los

Angeles area for hurdler Milan

Stewart, sprinters Cedric Gilder

and James Andrews, hurdler

Keith Thibodeaux and long jum-

Hearings also will be held for: David Laut, 1984 Olympic

hronze medalist in the shot put;

James Robinson, 1979 Pan Am

games 800 metre champion; and

Ruth Wysocki, a 1984 Olympian

Others scheduled for a TAC

hearing were: Tom Petranoff, a

1988 Olympian in the javelin;

John Powell, 1976 and 1984

Olympic bronze medalist in the

discus; and Carol Cady.

in the 800 and 1500 metres.

per Kevin Atkins.

The TAC panel set Dec. 15 as

said.

"The evidence was obtained

Africa's policy of apartheid.

championships Friday. Navratilova's defeat, her first in 31 indoor matebes this year, was the second major surprise in two nights at the tournament. Chris Evert, the third seed, was

It was only Sukova's third victory over Navratilova in 24 matches, but all have had major significance.

The Czechoslovak halted Navratilova's 74-match winning streak at the 1984 Australian Open and snapped her 69-match victory streak on English grass courts in 1987 at Eastbourne.

Navratilova, a Czech-born U.S. citizen, won the first four Slims Championships, but has terfinals two years in a row. Last

year, she was beaten by Gabriela Sahatini of Argentina.

should have been a routine win,

duced 10 aces and 17 service winners.

Navratilova won nine tournanow been eliminated in the quar- a major title for the first time since 1980.

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beaten by Pam Shriver Thursday night.

"I'm ticked off," she said. "It

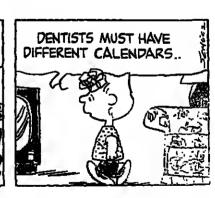
but I managed to lose it. I'm still trying to figure out what went Her main nemesis was Sukova's hooming serve, which pro-

ments this year, but failed to win

## **Peanuts**







# Mutt'n' Jeff



# **Andy Capp**



# Sri Lankans vote amid rebel attacks

TRINCOMALEE, Sri Lanka (R) — Tamil separatist guerrillas attacked troops and civilians in east Sri Lanka Saturday in an attempt to disrupt controversial local council elections, military sources said.

But many voters defied a boycon call by the Tamil rebels and Sinhalese extremists and went to the polls, said Lieutenant General A.S. Kalkat, commander of Indian troops on the is-

three eastern districts of Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Ampara opened about an hour later than scheduled because officials were reluctant to take their posts following threats from the rebels.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and Sinhalese radicals, the People's Liberation Front, had called a strike in the region and warned people not to

The LTTE and the front botb oppose last year's India-Sri Lanka accord under which the council was established

Kalkat, who toured the region Saturday, said: "The LTTE had vowed not to let the democratie process go through. They had promised a blood bath."

He told reporters in Trincomalee the LTTE had ordered its gunmen to kill five civilians every night from every village between Nov. 12 and 19.

troops had prevented such action.

WASHINGTON (R) - Presi-

dent-elect George Bush had a

friendly lunch with House Speak-

er Jim Wright that opened the

way to better relations with Democrats who control Con-

gress, but he concedes his honev-

After taking part in one of the

nastiest presidential campaigns in

modern history, the Republican

showed no signs of the bitterness

that marked his fight with

Michael Dukakis and other

Democrats when he weot ro

Bush appeared determined to

try to get his relations with Con-

gress off to a good start after eight years of battles between

Democrats, including Wright,

Although Bush has joined dis-

gruntled House Republicans who

had called for an independent

and President Reagan.

lunch Friday.

moon may be short-lived.

Kalkat said the Tamil rebels launched seven arracks Friday morning, killing one civilian, injuring two others and wounding an Indian soldier.

Sri Lankan military sources said the guerrillas anacked five Most polling booths in the military camps and check-points of the Indian and Sri Lankan forces with mortars and small arms at Trincomalee Saturday. One Indian soldier died.

They said Tamil rebels also fired at three police stations in the Batticaloa and Ampara districts. The police fired back and the guerrillas withdrew. There were no casualties.

Resident of the eastern town of Akkaraipattu said the Tigers exploded bombs to scare away vo-

Residents said most shops were closed after the LTTE and the stoppage from Friday to disrupt the poll

The LTTE is continuing an armed campaign to set up an independent homeland in the north and east where most Tamils

The front, made up of Sinhalese youth, has criticised the India-Sri Lanka accord as a sell-But, the general said, Indian out to India and the Tamils. It is conducting violent anti-

affairs, he was all smiles at lunch

rimes when we disagree but we're

going to get off to a very good

start," Bush said. "I have great

respect for the speaker and he

When asked if the meeting was peace-making session. Bush

said: "How can you make peace

House Republicans, who have

been in the minority for 33 years,

have been in a running feud with

Wright, a Texas Democrat who

they view as a heavy-handed

Last year they had unsuccess-

fully sought a non-congressional

Wright's financial dealings in-

when there's no war."

"I know there are going to be

with Wright.

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government demonstrations in southern areas calling for the resignation of the government, abrogation of the pact and the withdrawal of the 50,000 Indian troops on the island.

Earlier an Indian forces military headquarters at Morawewa in Trincomalee had come under attack and the Tigers were driven back after an exchange of fire. Police said the Tigers followed up hy hitting a Sri Lankan army

camp at Sinhapura. Three police stations, Valachenai and Eravur in Batricaloa and Pottuvil in Ampara were also attacked. There were no casual-

Hundreds of Indian troops and police patrolled the eastern region and some also guarded polling booths alongside Sri Lankan security men.

The voters are to elect 35 members to a council joining multiethnic eastern province with overwhelmingly Tamil northern province. There were no election contests in northern province befront called a three-day work cause various factions agreed last month to apportion their province's 36 seats before the vote.

Ifi eastern province, four groups are contesong the council seats — the United National Party, which is mostly Sinhalese; the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress; and two former Tamil guerrilla groups: the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front.

an independent probe.

issued a report.

dispute Friday.

told reporters.

The house Ethics Committee

has been looking into allegations

regarding Wright but has not

But there was no sign of that

During the 90-minute lunch in

Wright's office, with no staff prc-

sent, there was a discussion about

the pressing large deficit problem

which Bush said he wants to

tackle as a first priority, Wright

"He (Bush) is quite earnestly

interested in the realities of the

deficit." Wright said. "He has no

illusions that there are serious

out of a committee session at the group's meeting in the capital of **Bush courts Congress** The resolution calls for a study and possible amendments to curinvestigation of Wright's financial ceived from a book. During the rent agreements between the OAS campaign Bush agreed with and the United States that would house Republicans seeking such

provide more diplomatic rights for all Latin American representatives to the group-Nicaragua actively supported the resolution, possibly because the United States expelled its OAS ambassador, Carlos Tunnerman.

in July, Tunnerman, who also served as Nicaragua's envoy to the United States, was expelled along with seven Nicaraguan diplomats in retaliation for Nicaragua's expulsion of U.S. Ambassador Richard Mellon and seven U.S. dipiomats.

Nicaragua charged Melton with participating in a destabilisation plan against Its festist Sandinista government. Melton denied the

McCormack Friday said he had no objectious to the resolution but stated that "the United Stales has reject the admission OAS representatives sent to the United States.

Tunnerman responded by criticising "the abusive way" in which he was expelled from the United States by President Ronald Reagan's administration. McCormack left the session

shortly before the vote was taken. Earlier Friday, an OAS committee approved a report prepared by the inter-American Human Rights Commission that singled out Chile, Paraguay, El Salvador, Cuba. Nicaragua and Guate-

mala for human rights abuses. The foll OAS general assembly meets Saturday to approve all committee resolutions, hours after leftist Salvadorean guerrillas were to lift a cease-fire in their war against the U.S.-backed Salvadorean government.

# Serb, Albanian protests flare

BELGRADE (AP) - Hondreds of thousands of chanting, flag-waving Serbs marched through the streets of Belgrade Saturday amid mounting ethnic tension over the future of the troubled southern province of

The day before, about 70,000 ethnic Albanians took to the streets in Kosovo's capital Pristina, roaming around chanting and shonting slogans from before dawn until almost midnight in defiance of appeals by commonist leaders to go bome.

The Pristina protests, mirrored in several other Kosovo towns, were sparked by the resignations of two popular ethnic Albanian leaders in the province, where the communist leadership has come under in-

Nicaragua,

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

(AP) - The U.S. and Nicaraguan

delegates to the Organisation of

American States (OAS) argued

Friday over a resolution calling

for OAS delegates in Washington

to be granted greater diplomatic

The resolution was approved

shortly after U.S. ambassador

Richard T. McCormack stormed

U.S. spar

at OAS

meeting

guarantees.

creasing pressure from Serbian commonist leader Slobodan Milosevic. Protesters contended the resignations were forced.

Milosevic wants Yugoslavia's

largest republic, Serbia, to have more control over its province of Kosovo, which was granted broad autonomy under the 1974 constitution. Once the heart of Serbis's medieval empire, the southern province bordering communist Albania is now dominated by ethnic Albanians.

The ambitious Serbian leader, whose drive has prompted non-Serb leaders in Yugoslavia's other five republics to unite against him, planned to speak at Saturday's rally in Belgrade, held to back his de-

The Beigrade rally was the culmination of dozens of similar gatherings attracting hupdreds of thousands of Serbs in recent months.

The organisers of the rally have claimed it will attract up to one million people, which would be the largest gathering ever massed in Belgrade, the federal and Serbian capital, By mid-morning at least 200,000 people, many waving

massed at the rally site. Crowds brought to the city on free buses and trains or marching from their city homes moved in well-organised columns toward the rally site on

banners and slogans and some

with portraits of Milosevic, had

Their constant singing of Serblan nationalist songs and chants of "Slobo, Slobo, Slobodo" resounded throughout the city centre, closed off to traffic for the occasion and closely watched by a heavy presence of uniformed and plaincinthes

"Slobo" is short for Milosevic's first name, while "Slobodo" means freedom in Serbian.

Belgrade television, run hy a staunch supporter of Milosevic. ran hours of live coverage of crowds converging on the capital, of kindergartens and free food organised for participants and of the massive security operation required to police the

# Reagan astrologer

# goes on tape

SAN FRANCISCO (R) - The astrologer whose advise to Nancy Reagan is said to have influenced President Reagan's schedule will soon be doing starreading at a discount. San Francisco socialite Joan Quigley, who became Mrs. Reagan's personal astrologer in 1981 after the arrempted assassination of the president, will sell computerised horoscope analyses on cassette tapes for \$45 a set starting Sunday. The price is something of a bargain since Quigley is said to have charged Mrs. Reagan and other prominent clients \$5,000 per horoscope chart.

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### Elvis lookalike abducts woman

pedition TAMPA, Florida (AP) - A teen-ager says a man bearing a striking resemblance to Elvis Presley forced her at gunpoint to drive to the state of Alabama and grenains of al sang along with the radio during the trip. "He might have looked like Elvis, but he sure didn't sing like him." University of South Florida freshman Wendy Durgan said after returning safely to her. parents' Tampa home. Durgan, 18, said she was abducted in the parking lot of the restaurant where she worked as a waitress. She said the man kept the gun in his hand throughour the 10-hour trip but did not point ir at ber once they were on the road. The gunman directed the young woman to drive to the Birmingham municipal airport, where be told her to go inside and wait. When she returned with an airport officer, the car was there but the man was gone, she said.

## 'Pegfair' goes on sale

PASADENA, California (AP) -Barbic Benton, who went from being a Playboy Magazine model into an acting career, is asking S4.5 million for her "Pegfair" mansion. The former girlfriend of Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and frequent photo subject to his magazine, wants to sell the estate she owns with her husband, George Gradow, so the couple can move into a home uoder construction in Aspen, Colorado.

#### S. Africa treason ruling shocks black churchmen JOHANNESBURG (R) black leader found guilty of "I know many of the men as gentle, rational people. If any of treason. The judge and one assesthese people are sent to prison. I

Church leaders reacted with shock and concern to the Supreme Court's conviction of 11 black activists of treason and terrorism after South Africa's

ongest trial. Judge K. van Dijkhorst Friday found three leaders of the largest anti-apartheid organisation, the United Democratic Front (UDF) and one other black activist guilty

Van Dijkhorst declared UDF national secretary Popo Molefe, Publicity Secretary Patrick "terror" Lekota, and the organisation's former Transvaal Secretary Moss Chikane guilty of treason.

Thomas Manthata, who had links with black consciousness groups, was another prominent Protests erupt over Lithuanian

public of Lithuania after its par-

iament backed away from sup-

Lithuanian sources said about

10,000 people gathered in the

centre of the capital Vilnius Fri-

day after the republic's parlia-

tory for the Kremlin, Lithuanian

Brazauskas persuaded parliament

porting Estonia in a constitution-

al confrontation with Moscow.

sor also convicted Manthata and will not rest until I get them out. seven other men of terrorism the Nobel Peace Prize winner after a 37-month trial. The verdicts, all of which carry told reporters.

possible death sentences, drew gasps of concern from blacks. foreign diplomats and civil rights activists in the packed Pretoria courtroom.

They also stunned hlack churchmen, some of whom said those convicted had merely provided leadership during a campaign against a government plan to usher ina new constitution in 1984 which continued to exclude the voteless black majority.

Sentencing will not take place before Dcc. 5 and the defence has "I am shattered hy the verleave to lodge an appeal before dicts," said Anglican Archbishop

parliament sovereignty decision cow talks apparently unrepentant

Van Dijkhorst found that dur-

ing a 1984-86 black uprising.

UDF leaders sought to organise

black protest involving violence

to make South Africa ungovern-

The 11 defendants were found

guilty mainly of organising mass

protests against rent rises and

local councillors who were re-

garded as corrupt collaborators

with white domination.

The protest rally began within hours of the parliamentary session. Sajudis, a Lithuanian mass movement, issued a statement accusing local deputies of treason and saying: "We have treacherously knifed the Estonians in the

stitution should be postponed un-

til they had been further dis-

transport strike Monday. Communist Party leader Algirdas

after heing asked to explain his parliament's vote which set alarm

Kremlin plans to reform the Soviet constitution. It amended its own constitution to give itself the right to refuse to apply Soviet laws in its territory. In an interview with Estonian

## Walesa, minister hold secret talks

WARSAW (R) — Solidarity on Solidarity," one of the sources leader Lech Walesa held secret said. talks with Poland's interior minister in an apparent effort to unblock stalled talks intended to lead to national reconciliation.

Solidarity sources said Walesa and General Czeslaw Kiszczak tried Friday to lay the groundwork for talks between Walesa's banned trade union, the communist government, and Roman Catholic Church and opposition figures.

But sources close to the church said the two men ran into difficulties over the key problem blocking talks for more than a month - the government's failure to re-legalise Solidarity, suppressed under martial law in 1981. "The most difficult talks were added.

It was not clear if there was would help the start of the talks. intended to forge a national coali-tion to help pull Poland out of economic crisis.

The meering took place amid intense secrecy in the presence of Archbishop Bronislaw Dahrowski, secretary of the Polish Bishops' Conference, the sources

The other main issues were a government decision to close the Lenin shipvard in Gdansk, where Solidarity was formed in 1980. and the reinstatement of miners sacked for taking part in pro-Solidarity strikes in August, they

Disputes over both these issues have prevented the start of the main talks, proposed by the govprogress on other issues that ernment during the August strikes and were due to begin

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

independent investigation of problems lying ahead he is pre-Wright's financial dealings in- pared to do the serious things

cluding large royalties he re- necessary to cope with them."

Walesa said last week he would agree to meet Kiszczak only if the government reinstated the sacked miners and suspended its decision to close the Gdansk shipyard - a Solidarity stronghold and a symbol of resistance in Poland.

But the official PAP news agency said Thursday that all the sacked miners had been offered their jobs back and Walesa has dropped his immediate objections over the shipyard because it will not finally close for about two

### ment decided against following Estonia's controversial declaration of sovereignly, which has been firmly rebuffed by Moscow.

MOSCOW (R) - Street protests to adopt a compromise resolution

erupted in the Soviet Baltic re- saying changes to the Soviet con-

In what appeared to be a vic-

Sajudis called for a 10-minute

But the president of Soviet Estonia, Arnold Ruutel, returned home early Saturday from Mosbells ringing in the Kremlin. The Estonian parliament

Wednesday unanimously rejected

television. Ruutel said he had put the republic's case during "good. constructive," talks with Soviet first deputy President Anatoly Lukyanov, according to Estonian sources.

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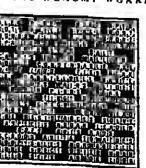
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University graduate student created a "virus" that jammed a nationwide network of computers are being investigated by a federal grand jury, a prosecutor said. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Baxter confirmed the investigation Thursday but declined to say when the panel began hearing evidence or if anyone had been subpoenaed to testify. A grand jury is a panel of citizens who review evidence and decide whether a case should go to trial and, if so, which charges should be filed. Robert T. Morris. 23. is suspected of unleashing the virus on a computer communication network earlier this month.

SYRACUSE. New York (AP) - Allegations that a Cornell

## Marcoses appear at FBI building

Jury meets over computer 'virus'

HONOLULU (AP) - Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife. Imelda, have reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to turn over financial records and submit fingerprints, palm prints, voice and handwriting samples under a U.S. court order. FBI agents cleared the building Friday before the Marcoses arrived at 5:20 p.m. (0320 GMT Saturday). Mrs. Marcos clutched a hankerchief and wiped away tears as she walked beside her husband, who was seated in a wheelchair and wearing a neckbrace. She was followed by a nurse and several aides. The Marcoses were accompanied by two attorneys and several FBI agents who helped them make their way through a throng of journalists. The couple smiled, but refused to answer questions,

## Ex-congressman gets 8 years in jail

NEW YORK (R) - Former New York Congressman Mario Biaggi was sentenced to eight years in jail Friday for extorting \$50,000 in cash and \$3 million in stock from the now-defunct Wedtech defence contractor. Biaggi, 71, was a much-decorated New York police officer before starting his political career. In Congress, he was an active supporter of Irisb unification. He resigned from Congress last August after being found guilty of trying to turn the defence contractor into a racketeering enterprise that bribed him and other officials to win Pentagon contracts. He was also convicted of extorting \$50,000 in cash and \$3 million in stock in exchange for political favours and of filing false financial statements. His lawyer said Biaggi would appeal.

## Vaccine found for cattle disease

WASHINGTON (R) - American researchers have developed a new vaccine against rinderpest, a deadly disease that has decimated cattle in Africa and Asia for hundreds of years, a U.S. official announced Friday. Alan Woods, administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID), said the new vaccine was developed under a three-year \$870,000, cooperative agreement between his agency and the University of California. "This vaccine has tremendous potential for saving millions of cattle worldwide (and) demonstrates how new technologies can help solve food problems," he said. Rinderpest, a German word for cattle plague. is a viral disease that causes bloody diarrhoea and pneumonia. It kills an estimated two million cattle and buffalo annually. Eradication of the disease has long been a goal of many developing

## Relatives mark Jonestown tragedy

OAKLAND (R) - Ten years after the Reverend Jim Jones led his followers to their deaths at his jungle commune, relatives and friends of the victims gathered Friday at the cemetery where 403 of the 913 who died are buried. Five relatives, including two children. marked the 10th anniversary of the Jonestown massacre by unfurling a white banner that said "We will not forget our own." Nearby in the cemetery overlooking San Francisco Bay slood a simple granite gravestone inscribed "in memory of the victims of the Jonestown tracedy" and surrounded by bunches of carnations and red roses. One of those holding the banner. Eddie Norwood, said he was eight years old when he lost his grandmother and 26 other family members in the jungle commune in Guyana where Jones, the charismatic leader of the People's Temple, convinced his

## followers to commit suicide Nov. 18, 1978. Czech blast kills 1, injures 80

VIENNA (R) - An explosion at a crowded railway station in eastern Czechoslovakia Friday killed at least one person and injured more than S0, the official Czechoslovak news agency CTK said. A gas generator blew up at the station at Poprad, about 250 kilometres east of Brno. it added. An earlier report on Prague radio. monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said the blast happened in the afternoon when several hundred passengers were waiting for Irains.